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TOWN OF
READING
MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

1945

Town Officers

1945

Board of Selectmen

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term expires 1948
HERBERT K. MILLER, Secretary	" " 1947
CHARLES E. WILKINSON	" " 1946
LEON G. BENT, Clerk	

Board of Public Welfare

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires 1948
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY, Secretary	" " 1947
MILES C. HIGGINS	" " 1946
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Secretary and Superintendent	
GLADYS M. WILSON, Visitor	

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman	Term expires 1948
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY	" " 1947
MILES C. HIGGINS	" " 1946
EDWARD E. HARNDEN, Director	
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Secretary	
MARY F. DANIEL and RUTH C. SCHOLZ, Visitors	

Board of Assessors

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term expires 1947
ARTHUR S. COOK, Secretary	" " 1946
FRANK E. GRAY	" " 1948

Town Clerk

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Town Counsel

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Moderator

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

Treasurer

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

Collector of Taxes

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Town Accountant

LEON G. BENT

Agent, Veterans' Benefits

CHARLES W. H. SMITH

Board of Public Works

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman	Term expires	1948
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary	" "	1948
EDWARD A. BROPHY	" "	1947
HAROLD W. PUTNAM	" "	1946
EDWARD TEER	" "	1947
PHILIP P. WELCH, Superintendent		

Board of Health

EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D., Chairman	Term expires	1946
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1948
CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D.	" "	1947

Finance Committee

W. GARDNER LONG, Chairman	Term expires	1948
WILLIAM A. CONNELLY, D.M.D.	" "	1946
JOHN L. DEVANEY	" "	1946
BENJAMIN HOWE	" "	1946
CLARENCE M. KIMBALL	" "	1946
ALLAN H. STURGES	" "	1946
MELVIN S. CROSBY	" "	1947
GEORGE E. CURTIS	" "	1947
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1947
CARL W. PINKHAM	" "	1947
G. LAWRENCE ROBERTS	" "	1947
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1948
ROBERT E. FOWLE	" "	1948
LAWRENCE J. RUST	" "	1948
CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1948
LEON G. BENT, Clerk		

School Committee

*IRVING C. AUSTIN, Chairman	Term expires	1947
NORMAN L. DUNCAN	" "	1946
GLADYS F. MILTON	" "	1946
xJ. WARREN KILLAM, Jr.	" "	1947
MARY E. EARLEY	" "	1948
MERLE W. WESCOTT, D.M.D.	" "	1948
‡GOULD B. RUGGLES	" "	1946
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D., Secretary		

*Resigned

xElected chairman Nov. 9, 1945

‡Appointed to fill vacancy

Superintendent of Schools	School Physician
ELBRIDGE C. GROVER, Ph.D.	THOMAS F. HALPIN, M.D.

School Nurse	Attendance Officer
MARGARET B. CLEWLEY	JEAN F. RAMSAY

Municipal Light Board

HENRY R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1947
LOUIS E. ELLENWOOD, Secretary	" " 1946
HERBERT G. EVANS	" " 1948
ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager	

Board of Registrars

WALTER A. SCANLON, Chairman	Term expires 1946
ROBERT S. RALSTON	" " 1947
JAMES H. FLEMING	" " 1948
WILLIAM E. MORRISON, Clerk	

Board of Cemetery Trustees

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman	Term expires 1947
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary	" " 1946
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	" " 1946
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD	" " 1947
HARRY C. BARR	" " 1948
EDOUARD N. DUBE	" " 1948
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT, Superintendent	

Planning Board

GEORGE B. PEASE, Chairman	Term expires 1947
A. LLOYD DAVID, Secretary	" " 1948
WALTER D. BERRY	" " 1946
WINTHROP D. PARKER	" " 1946
PHILIP R. WHITE	" " 1947

Library Trustees

*A. IMRIE DIXON, Chairman	Term expires 1947
KATHERINE C. PIERCE, Secretary	" " 1948
C. NELSON BISHOP	" " 1946
SYDNEY M. HODSON	" " 1946
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE	" " 1947
xWILLIAM J. TONKS	" " 1948
‡NEIL C. ROBINSON	" " 1946

*Resigned Sept. 25, 1945

xElected chairman Sept. 25, 1945

‡Appointed to fill vacancy

Commissioners of Trust Funds

H. RAYMOND JOHNSON, Chairman	Term expires 1949
ROBERT M. BROWN	" " 1947
CLARENCE C. WHITE	" " 1951

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

Board of Appeal

CLIFTON S. NICHOLS, Chairman	Term expires 1947
ROBERT L. DEAN	" " 1948
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY	" " 1946

Associate Members Board of Appeal

EDWARD J. SCOTT	Term expires 1948
WILLIAM G. DAY	" " 1947
HOWARD T. CLINCH	" " 1946

Inspector of Milk and Food	Sealer of Weights and Measures
CARL M. SMITH	CARL M. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Inspector
DAVID TAGGART

Inspector of Animals	Game Warden
GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.	JAMES T. PUTNAM

Dog Officer	Inspector of Buildings
CHARLES H. MELENDY	GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM

Superintendent of Moth Work	Tree Warden
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	MAURICE H. DONEGAN
	Term expires 1947

Burial Agent, Soldiers and Sailors
CHARLES E. TASNEY

Custodian of Soldiers and Sailors Graves
HARRY A. TURNER

Forest Warden
HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Forest Wardens	
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	JOHN J. O'BRIEN
CHARLES H. HESELTON	HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

Constables	
LEON G. BENT	FRANCIS T. SLACK

Insurance Committee

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer and
Chairman of the Finance Committee

Contributory Retirement Board

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman LEON G. BENT, Secretary
JOHN J. O'BRIEN

Law Committee

Consists of Chairmen of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Board of Health	Board of Public Welfare
School Committee	Board of Public Works
Municipal Light Board	

1945 Ration Board Roster

HERBERT C. TOWLE, Chairman

Gasoline

ROLAND B. HOAG, Chm.
EVERETT C. COOMBS
LAWRENCE W. ALLEN
EDWARD H. BOWEN
DONALD W. COAN
ARTHUR L. HARRIS
EDWARD K. JACKSON
EARL F. SAMPSON

Price Panel

IRVING F. JEWETT, Chm.
H. L. BRADFORD
GEORGE F. FOGG
BENJAMIN B. PIPER
JOSEPH E. ROBINSON

Food

JOHN A. SMITH, Chm.
A. PERRY GLOVER

Tires

LESTER L. IVERS

Fuel Oil

FREDERICK H. TRUE, Chm.
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH
STANLEY F. MAXWELL
JOHN M. WIDDELL
JACOB C. NIELSON

Price Panel Assistants

AMY L. POLAND

MARY F. YEATON

Police Department

§JEREMIAH CULLINANE, Chief
FRANCIS L. JOHNSON, Acting Chief

Sergeants

ARTHUR M. CURTIN §FRANCIS T. SLACK
THOMAS E. WALL

Patrolmen

TIMOTHY J. CULLINANE	EARL R. HUTCHINSON
ROLAND E. ELLIS	†JAMES H. LAWLER
FRANK R. FISHER	HAROLD W. O'BRIEN
THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK	PATRICK J. PANTANO
JOSEPH M. GREENE	JOHN R. CONDON
JOHN F. BEAUDOIN	*WILLIAM R. FLORENCE
WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP	GEORGE V. GAW
WILLIAM E. FAULKNER	

†Deceased

Keeper of the Lock-up

§JEREMIAH CULLINANE
FRANCIS L. JOHNSON

Fire Department

HUGH L. EAMES, Chief
JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Deputy Chief

CHARLES H. HESELTON, Captain	ELMER A. DYKENS
HERBERT L. ROBERTSON, Lieutenant	LEWIS C. HOLDEN
GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE	JAMES S. PERRY
ALBERT C. MAXWELL	NELSON P. O'BRIEN

Call Men

JOSEPH ARSENAULT	H. HARVEY QUIGLEY
GEORGE F. BAXTER	HERMAN L. REISSLE
HOWARD E. BUSSELL	GEORGE G. ROGERS
JOHN J. CARNEY	ROBERT W. SHANNON
CHARLES N. CHASE	F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
JAMES L. GAW	JOHN A. SPURR
JOHN L. GOODRIDGE	WILLIAM R. VanHORN
¶E. CHESTER GOODWIN	CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD
JAMES R. MERCER, Jr.	GEORGE S. ZANNI
#BERNARD SCHIMPFKE	

#Leave of absence

Substitute Call Men

JOSHUA T. DAY, Jr.
HENRY O. BALLOU
MYLES A. DENNO

DeMELLE G. GAREY
CLEMENT T. GLEASON
RALPH E. VanHORN

GEORGE F. FOGG

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

HUGH L. EAMES

Inspector of Wires

HUGH L. EAMES

Measurers of Lumber

WILLIAM R. ZWICKER

ELIAS B. CURRELL

FRED F. SMITH

Weighers of Coal and Hay

THOMAS E. BROGAN

MABEL L. McKAY

CHARLES W. LEE

WENDELL B. NEWELL

BERTHA D. MacLELLAN

PERCY N. SWEETSER

MOLLIE A. SWEETSER

Measurers of Wood and Bark

PERCY N. SWEETSER

ELIAS B. CURRELL

THOMAS F. BROGAN

Field Drivers

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

ADOLPH S. LARSON

EDWARD E. NICHOLS

Fence Viewers

WENDELL B. NEWELL

CARL B. SAWYER

WARREN F. CHARLES

Committee on Town Forests

LELAND W. KINGMAN

Term expires 1946

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

" " 1947

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

" " 1948

Committee on Elm Tree Protection

ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

Post-War Planning Committee

GEORGE B. PEASE, Chm.

WENDELL P. DAVIS

W. GARDNER LONG

H. WILSON POWERS

IRVING C. AUSTIN

FRANK D. TANNER

RALPH G. BABCOCK, Secty.

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

WALTER D. BERRY, Chairman

JOHN L. DEVANEY	GEORGE R. BARRIS
JAMES R. MERCER, Jr.	HENRY W. SHUMAKER
HORACE A. BAILEY	PHILIP R. WHITE

Salvage Committee

OTIS B. RUGGLES, Chairman

C. NELSON BISHOP	ARTHUR G. SIAS
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH	HARRY E. SMITH
CHRISTIE W. FOWLE	HARMON D. SMITH
JOHN L. GRIFFIN	MOLLIE A. SWEETSER
MARION V. HARRINGTON	PHILIP P. WELCH
ELMER J. LARSON	CHARLES F. TREVOR, Secty.

Recreation Committee

HERBERT K. MILLER, Chairman

HAROLD W. PUTNAM	MARY E. EARLEY
CHARLES F. LANCASTER, D.D.	

Special Police Officers

JOHN F. MAGUIRE	Reading High School
PERCY W. CURTIS	Reading High School
WILLIAM A. LLOYD	Lowell St. School
EDWARD W. McBRIEN	Pearl St. School
WALTER C. SMITH	Junior High School
KENNETH BEVERAGE	Junior High School
SIMON CASTINE	Pearl St. School
FREDERICK L. REISSLE	Junior High School
WILLIAM BROUSSARD	Highland School
W. RAY YORKS	Highland School
LEANDER SMITH	Prospect St. and Chestnut Hill Schools
WILLIAM H. KILLAM	Masonic Block
GROVER C. EATON	Pumping Station
RALPH F. PLOUFF	Methodist Church
EDWARD E. HARNDEN	Center School Building
CHARLES L. GOWING, Jr.	Reading Theater
WILLIAM SLACK	Town Dump
FREDERICK W. BURNS	Town Forest
CHARLES E. LANGDON	Odd Fellows Building
CARL W. PINKHAM	Reading Rifle and Revolver Club
WILLIAM M. RICHARDS	First National Bank
JACOB C. NEILSON	Skating Ponds
HENRY O. BALLOU	Mun. Bldg., Library, Center School

GEORGE G. ROGERS

Legion House

JAMES T. PUTNAM

Pumping Sta. & Vic. P. W. Property

WILLIAM H. PIERPONT

CHARLES H. MELENDY

J. EDWARD BLACK

J. WINTHROP SIAS

GEORGE W. HALL

WILLIAM H. MILLER

HUGH L. EAMES

CHARLES E. HILTS

HARRY A. TURNER

First Baptist Church

Statistics

Population, census of 1945, 12,327.

Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1 1741; Precinct No. 2 1796; Precinct No. 3 1781; Precinct No. 4 1799; Total 7117.

Eighth Congressional District.

Sixth Councillor District.

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District.

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District.

Representative in Congress, 8th District, Angier L. Goodwin, Melrose.

Councillor 6th District, Victor A. Friend, Melrose.

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Arthur W. Coolidge, Reading.

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Logan R. Dickie, Reading, and Herman P. Peterson, Woburn.

List of Jurors for 1945 - 1946

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Occupation	Residence
Abbott, Albert B., Bookkeeper		26 Shipkin Ave.
Abbott, Stephen A., Boxmaker		25 Prospect St.
Ainsworth, Dennis J., Electrician		15 Woodbine St.
Albee, Curtis L., Dyestuff Tech.		10 Pine Ridge Rd.
Albee, George H., Clerk		16 Mineral St.
Anderson, Percy E., Merchant		174 Prescott St.
Bailey, Horace A., Wholesale Dealer		93 Salem St.
Bancroft, Arthur W., Milk Dealer		63 West St.
Barnes, George E., Operator		103 Green St.
Barr, Harry C., Merchant		33 Highland St.
Bates, H. Nelson, Agent		23 Nelson Ave.
Batting, Joseph R., Structural Designer		114 Prescott St.
Bliss, William C., Salesman		194 Pleasant St.
Brophy, Edward A., Excavating Engineer		942 Main St.
Brown, Everett W., Credit Manager		100 John St.
Brown, Robert M., Asst. Manager		165 Bancroft Ave.
Buckler, Harold E., Insurance		194 Summer Ave.
Burns, William A., Plasterer		534 Franklin St.
Castine, Simon A., Janitor		21 Green St.
Chase, Robert P., Salesman		18 Fairview Ave.
Chesley, Robert O., Accountant		11 Vista Ave.
Christensen, Harold, Florist		12 Sunnyside Ave.
Clapperton, John, Shop Foreman		161 Pleasant St.
Coan, Donald W., Claim Manager		292 Summer Ave.
Cole, Benjamin, Merchant		76 Deering St.
Cooper, Carl C., President		167 Summer Ave.
Crosby, Melvin S., Division Manager		50 Middlesex Ave.
Cullinane, Jeremiah, Jr., Truck Driver		9 Mineral St.
Currier, Robert G., Director of Accounts		393 Summer Ave.
Dacey, Frederick F., Superintendent		13 Hampshire Rd.
Darling, George H., Salesman		21 Fairview Ave.

David, A. Lloyd, Asst. Secretary	70 Howard St.
Dean, Robert L., Sales Engineer	561 Pearl St.
DeMar, Clarence H., Printer	249 Forest St.
Denno, Myles A., Govt. Real Estate	417 Summer Ave.
Desmond, Daniel J., Defense Worker	8 Center Ave.
Dickinson, Orison L., Inspector	79 Salem St.
Dinsmore, Curtis A., Saw Filer	273 Forest St.
Dodge, Arthur H., Asst. Mgr.	21 Echo Ave.
Dolben, Alfred H., R. E. Broker	17 Bond St.
Doucette, Clarence L., Traffic Manager	13 Wenda St.
Dunn, Frank J., Foreman	137 Pleasant St.
Ellison, Guy W., Clerk	92 Grand St.
Fienemann, Henry W., Sales Manager	51 Prospect St.
Fowle, Robert E., President	3 Perkins Ave.
Foxcroft, Francis R., Salesman	100 Prescott St.
Frazier, John L., P. O. Clerk	87 Ash St.
Frost, Edgar L., Salesman	272 Ash St.
Gale, Roger D., Superintendent	30 Dudley St.
Gallagher, Francis A., Mail Carrier	179 Green St.
Gardner, Herbert L., Custodian	15 Longfellow Rd.
Garey, DeMelle G., Map Mounter	15 Hopkins St.
Geary, Paul J., Millhand	24 Minot St.
Gerard, Stanley R., X-ray Technician	101 Hanscom Ave.
Gilman, Lewis T., Banker	118 Summer Ave.
Gleason, Clement T., Bank Clerk	53 Prescott St.
Goddard, Frank E., Accountant	68 Scotland Rd.
Goodridge, Carl W., Service Eng.	206 Bancroft Ave.
Graupner, Albert C., Jr., Asst. Ticket Agt.	91 Pleasant St.
Hall, Burt S., Civil Engineer	25 Prescott St.
Harnden, Edward E., Supervisor	311 Summer Ave.
Harris, Marshall P., Salesman	143 Prospect St.
Haskins, George A., Civil Engineer	40 Dudley St.
Hasty, Charles S., Insurance	46 Temple St.
Hegarty, Michael J., Store Manager	24 Oak St.
Herrick, Edward O., Service Manager	15 Kingston St.

Higgins, Miles C., Treasurer	8 Sanborn St.
Holmes, Lawton G., Organ Pipe Maker	228 Pleasant St.
Hulsman, Kenneth G., Civil Engineer	284 Woburn St.
Hurt, Adelbert F., Insurance Agent	41 Walnut St
Jackson, Edward K., Ins. Underwriter	218 West St.
Jewett, Irving F., Insurance	331 Summer Ave.
Johnson, Edward N., Farmer	10 Sylvan Rd.
Jones, Elmer D., Receiving Clerk	24 Charles St.
Kelley, C. Wilfred, Stereotyper	46 Fairview Ave.
Keneely, Ralph S., Retail Salesman	189 Haven St.
Kimball, Clarence M., Accountant	280 Woburn St.
Kingman, Leland W., Business Mgr.	62 Sanborn St.
Knight, Joseph D., Security Salesman	7 Perkins Ave.
Latham, Oliver, Salesman	5 Grand St
Lee, James W., Wood Finisher	29 Franklin St.
Lester, Henry R., Silversmith	428 Summer Ave
Lucas, Kenneth A., Civil Engineer	565 Franklin St.
Lyle, Robert P., Income Tax Acct.	364 Lowell St.
MacLean, John P., Salesman	8 Copeland Ave.
Mansell, Walter H., Chief Electrician	9 Pennsylvania Ave.
Mason, Philip E., Chemist	127 Prospect St.
McKenney, Charles J., Pipe Fitter	93 Washington St.
Michellini, Ralph A., Salesman	55 Walnut St.
Miner, Paul H., Insurance	14 Wescroft Rd.
Morrison, Arthur W., Elec. Salesman	26 Woodward Ave.
Mullen, Charles A., Guard	138 Woburn St.
Ninde, George E., Accountant	171 Woburn St.
Nordberg, Nils L., Salesman	753 Main St.
Parker, Harold F., Insurance	76 Vine St.
Parker, Moses C., Mechanic	166 Washington St.
Perry, Prospier R., Bus Driver	189 Green St.
Pierce, Lewis E., Tel. Engineer	13 Elliott St.
Pinkham, Carl W., Insp. & Estimator	128 Pleasant St.
Powers, Henry W., Funeral Director	65 Harnden St.
Pratt, Wilfred E., Investigator	332 Summer Ave.

Quimby, Carlyle F., Insurance	42 Pratt St.
Reynolds, Chester A., Tel. Engineer	14 Berkeley St.
Richards, Homer F., Engineer	54 Fairview Ave.
Richardson, Raymond C., Salesman	35 Pine Ridge Rd.
Roberts, Carl W., Civil Engineer	10 Deering St.
Rudolph, John I., Salesman	93 Washington St.
Rust, Lawrence J., Sales Mgr.	34 John Carver Rd.
Sanders, Wilbur S., Accountant	62 Linden St.
Sargent, Albert E., Military Archivist	18 Oak St.
Sawyer, John F., Manager	8 Arlington St.
Shumaker, Henry W., Asst. Treasurer	35 School St.
Sias, Wilbur S., Foreman	1244 Main St.
Smith, Harmon D., Dist. Manager	32 Wescroft Rd.
Smith, John A., Adv. Executive	11 Pine Ridge Rd.
Smith, Ralph W., Salesman	22 Scotland Rd.
Spencer, Carl M., Banker	217 Woburn St.
Spillane, Patrick J., Window Contractor	42 Park Ave.
Spurr, Winfred F., Asst. Manager	5 Woodward Ave.
Stanbridge, George T., Sales Representative	293 Woburn St.
Stimpson, George H., Light Plant Operator	14 Kingston St.
Sullivan, Martin V. B., Wool Salesman	93 Summer Ave.
Taber, Wentworth D., Adm. Engineer	1002 Main St.
Tasney, Charles E., Collector	10 Gould St.
Taylor, Robert, Salesman	8 Willow St.
Taylor, Walter F., Operator	54 Pleasant St.
Teel, C. Sumner, Insurance	113 Walnut St.
Thomas, Clarence L., Asst. Manager	182 Bancroft Ave.
Titcomb, Hubert B., Sales Manager	31 Pine Ridge Rd.
Waterhouse, George C., Machine Operator	20 Spring St.
Whelpley, George E., Clerk	430 West St.
Woodside, A. Clifford, Jr., Insurance Underwriter	773 Main St.

KENNETH C. LATHAM,
HERBERT K. MILLER,
CHARLES E. WILKINSON,
Selectmen of Reading, Mass.

Report of the Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 5, 1945

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections, to meet in Odd Fellows Building, Woburn Street, in said Reading, as the polling place designated for the four precincts in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of March, A.D. 1945 at twelve o'clock noon to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To elect by ballot the following Town Officers: a Moderator for one year; Town Clerk for one year; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; Treasurer for one year; Collector of Taxes for one year; two members of the Board of Public Works for three years; one member of the Board of Public Works for one year; two Constables for one year; one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; two members of the School Committee for three years; one member of the School Library for three years; two members of the Trustees of the Public Library for three years; one member of the Planning Board for three years; two members of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years; also in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943 in each of the four precincts the number of town meeting members as hereinafter specified: Precinct I, fifteen members for three years; one member for one year and one member for two years to fill vacancies; Precinct II, fifteen members for three years; one member for two years and one member for one year to fill vacancies; Precinct III, fifteen members for three years; one member for one year to fill vacancy; Precinct IV, fifteen members for three years;

And to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" on the following question. "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, entitled 'An act permitting members of the Board of Public Works and the superintendent of the Public Works in the Town of Reading to hold office as town meeting members', be accepted?"

For these purposes the polls will be opened at each of the four precincts at twelve o'clock noon and will close at eight o'clock P. M.

And to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading, on Monday the Twelfth Day of March, A.D. 1945 at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Board of Assessors, Board of Public Works, Town Clerk, Tree Warden, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Public Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Contributory Retirement Board, Cemetery Trustees, Planning Board, and any other Boards or Special Committees.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers and special committees and determine what instructions shall be given town officers and special committees.

Article 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Board of Public Works, including Highways, Sidewalks, Drainage, Common Parks and Supervised Play, Water Department and Sewer Department, Public Dumps, Charities and Aid, Veteran's Benefits, Public Schools, Public Library, Cemeteries, Memorial Day Observance, Municipal Light Department, Street Lighting, Maturing Debt, Interest, Insurance Contributory Retirement System and General Accounts.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Town Treasurer

Article 6. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the Reserve Fund, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation and printing of a Street List for the year 1945, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civilian Defense for the purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance to be used in connection with monies received from State and County, or what it will do in relation thereto. Town Treasurer

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court in behalf of the Town to change the boundary line between the Town of Lynnfield and this Town so as to straighten said boundary line commencing at the Town bound at a point which is the dividing line of the Towns of Wakefield, Lynnfield and Reading and thence running in a Northerly direction in a straight line to the boundary line between this Town and North Reading at the Location of a Town bound separating the Towns of North Reading, Lynnfield and this Town so that a portion of land now in Lynnfield will be included in Reading and a portion of land now situated in this Town will be relinquished to the Town of Lynnfield or what it will do in relation thereto. Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Assessors to use an amount of available free cash not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) in computing the tax rate for 1945, or what it will do in relation thereto. Town Accountant

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Public Works to petition the General Court for legislation by amendment of Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1889 or otherwise so that the net surplus income received from the water rates may be applied as the Town may from time to time determine or what it will do in relation thereto. Finance Committee

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise certain tract or tracts of land with the buildings thereon in or adjoining Birch Meadow so-called and to dedicate certain other parcels of land now owned by the Town and situated in or near Birch Meadow as they may deem suitable, for the construction of Senior High School, and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise for such purchase or taking and for the preparation of plans, surveys and specifications and for such architectural and engineering advice and services for the design of a new Senior High School to be located upon said land or what it will do in relation thereto. School Committee

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, a parcel of land adjoining the Athletic Field of the Junior High School owned by the Boston & Maine Railroad and containing approximately 45,900 square feet of land for the further development and enlargement of the Athletic Field and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for such purchase or taking or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise certain tract or tracts of land with the buildings thereon situated at the southwesterly corner of Summer Ave. and Oak Street and westerly of Summer Ave. as they may deem suitable, for the construction of elementary school building and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise or transferring from available funds for such purchase or taking and for the preparation of plans, surveys and specifications and for such architectural and engineering advice and services for the design of an elementary school building to be located upon said land or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the payment of certain unpaid bills for the year 1944 in the School Department Cafeteria Account in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 19. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the teachers retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1944 as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Health to enter into a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for a term of three years and upon such other and further terms and conditions as they may determine and to see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for such purpose or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Health

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the preparation of plans and specifications and the architectural and engineering services which may be necessary for enlarging and remodeling the library building so as to provide for a stack room therein or what it will do in relation thereto.

Trustees Public Library

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, purchasing and operating road machinery and equipment for the use of, and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of ploughing, harrowing and furnishing aid in the cultivation of private land, as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering the location lines and changing the grade of a portion of Pearl Street, said location lines and grade change being relocated, altered or changed in accordance with plan duly approved by the Board of Public Works and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, in accordance with statutory requirements and to see if the Town will accept the relocation or alteration of said location lines and the change in grade as shown on said plan, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 27A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws relating to reconsideration of proposed change in zoning By-Law after unfavorable action or what it will do in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 30A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws relating to reconsideration of appeal or petition for variance from terms of zoning By-Laws after unfavorable action or what it will do in relation thereto.

Planning Board

Article 27. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the installation of a plaque in the Public Library in memory of Horace G. Wadlin or what it will do in relation thereto.

Edward F. Parker and others

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-laws and zoning map by extending the industrial district so as to include therein the area hereinafter described:

"Beginning at the point five hundred (500) feet more or less Easterly from the junction of Bolton and Ash Streets at the present industrial district; thence running Northwesterly to Main Street at the Southerly side of the right of way of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence turning and running Southerly by Main Street 817 feet more or less to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by Joseph J. Robbins et al, and thence turning and running Northeasterly in part by said boundary line of Robbins' land and the Southerly boundary line of land of John and Christine E. Watson, approximately 484.6 feet to Ash Street and the present industrial district."

So that the above described area shall be re-zoned and changed to and become part of the industrial district. Harold F. Parker and others

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the general expenses of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee or what it will do in relation thereto.

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds under authority of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1943 for the purchase of United States War Bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, to be added to the Post War Rehabilitation Fund or what it will do in relation thereto.

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to increase the membership of the Recreation Committee established by vote of the Town at Special Town Meeting held on June 1, 1943 from four to seven members and to appoint or elect three new members to such committee to provide for the increased membership or what it will do in relation thereto.

Recreation Committee

Article 32. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws or what it will do in relation thereto.

Recreation Committee

Article 33. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the Cemetery Reserve for the permanent development of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Cemetery Trustees

Article 34. To see what action the Town will take regarding the installation of additional street lights on the public streets during the year 1945, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Municipal Light Board

Article 35. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for municipal employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the year 1944 as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Contributory Retirement Board

Article 36. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for further development of the Town Forest, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Committee on Re-Forestation

Article 37. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion or what it will do in relation thereto.

Samuel Paul Painting and others

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise suitable headquarters for Reading Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars or what it will do in relation thereto. Lester W. Edwards and others

Article 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health or what it will do in relation thereto.

Frances K. Wright and others

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least three public places in each of the four precincts of the Town not less than seven days prior to March 5, 1945, the date set for the meeting in said warrant and to cause this warrant to be published in the Reading Chronicle one day at least prior to said date.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February, A.D., 1945.

KENNETH C. LATHAM

CHARLES E. WILKINSON

HERBERT K. MILLER

Selectmen of Reading

Officer's Return

Middlesex, ss:

Reading, Mass., Feb. 20, 1945

By virtue of this Warrant I this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections to meet in Odd Fellows Hall, Woburn St., Reading, Mass., at the specified time, in this warrant as the designated place for the four Precincts of the Town by posting attested copies in the following Public Places within the Town of Reading:

Precinct 1

Austins' Lunch

Danforth's Drug Store

Reading Fire Station No. 1

Precinct 3

Waterhouse Store

Bunnie's Store

Reading Fire Station No. 2

Precinct 2

Masonic Building

Lyceum Hall

M. F. Charles' Store

Precinct 4

Municipal Building

Naborhood Store

McLaughlin's Store

The same being not less than seven days prior to March 5, 1945, the date said for said meeting.

I also caused a copy to be printed in the Reading Chronicle, date of February 23, 1945, the same being one day at least prior to said date.

J. W. SIAS,

Constable of Reading

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Pursuant to the Warrant and the Constable's return thereof, a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant, and was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis.

The Clerk partially read the warrant, when on motion of James W. Sias it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return, which was duly read by the Clerk.

The keys to the ballot boxes were turned over to the Constable in charge, the ballot boxes were examined and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 12.00 o'clock noon and were closed at 8.00 P. M. with the following result:

	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	Prec.	
Moderator for one year	1	2	3	4	Totals
Samuel H. Davis, 97 Highland St.	111	162	143	134	550
Blanks	16	25	25	14	80
Town Clerk for one year					
William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Rd.	116	163	142	135	556
Blanks	11	24	26	13	74
Selectman for three years					
Kenneth C. Latham, 55 Grand St.	120	169	149	139	577
Blanks	7	18	19	9	53
Board of Public Welfare, for three years					
Joseph D. Knight, 7 Perkins Ave.	113	167	144	129	553
Blanks	14	20	24	19	77
Assessor for three years					
Frank E. Gray, 119 Middlesex Ave.	112	159	144	132	547
Blanks	15	28	24	16	83
Treasurer for one year					
Preston F. Nichols, 68 Linden St.	117	165	149	136	567
Blanks	10	22	19	12	63
Collector of Taxes for one year					
William E. Morrison, 21 Pilgrim Rd.	116	162	151	134	563
Blanks	11	25	17	14	67
Municipal Light Board for three years					
Herbert G. Evans, 54 Howard St.	104	158	133	128	523
Blanks	23	29	35	20	107
Two Constables for one year					
Leon G. Bent, 767 Main St.	91	150	134	120	495
Francis T. Slack, 8 Gould St.	71	112	113	99	395
John Wendell, 75 Pleasant St.	58	73	54	55	240
Blanks	34	39	35	22	130

Two Members of Board of Public Works for three years

Wendell P. Davis, 155 Woburn St.	112	164	144	136	556
Alexander Lindsay, 33 Auburn St.	106	155	140	127	528
Blanks	36	55	52	33	176

One Member of Board of Public Works for one year

Edward A. Brophy, 943 Main St.	113	159	143	136	551
Blanks	14	28	25	12	79

Board of Health for three years

Christine F. Atkinson, 68 Washington St.	111	159	142	132	544
Blanks	16	28	26	16	86

Two Members of the School Committee for three years

Mary E. Earley, 18 Whittier Rd.	104	159	138	128	529
Gould Ruggles, 224 High St.			1	1	2
Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn St.	115	167	143	136	561
Blanks	35	48	54	31	168

One Member of School Committee for one year

Gladys F. Milton, 281 Summer Ave.	106	152	133	126	517
Blanks	21	35	35	22	113

Two Trustees Public Library for three years

Katherine C. Pierce, 13 Elliott St.	111	155	135	130	531
William J. Tonks, 3 Copeland Ave.	106	162	137	128	533
Blanks	37	57	64	38	196

Two Trustees Cemeteries for three years

Harry C. Barr, 33 Highland St.	114	163	140	137	554
Eduard N. Dube, 216 Woburn St.	104	154	130	122	510
H. W. Powers		1			1
Blanks	36	56	66	37	195

Planning Board for three years

A. Lloyd David, 70 Howard St.	104	151	138	126	519
Blanks	23	36	30	22	111

**Question Permitting Board of Public Works
to hold office as Town Meeting Members**

Yes	67	107	82	87	343
No	45	52	46	28	171
Blanks	15	28	40	33	116

Precinct 1**Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

William C. Bliss, 194 Pleasant St.	103
William F. Cook, 75 Cross St.	100
Everett J. Doucette, 40 Shackford Rd.	97
Stewart F. Easton, 78 Cross St.	96
Raymond E. Foster, 23 Smith Ave.	100

William W. Liston, 8 Smith Ave.	97
Herbert Mitchell, 156 Salem St.	99
A. Waldo Phinney, 61 Cross St.	95
George G. Rogers, 105 Libby Ave.	97
John B. Russell, 266 Ash St.	99
Katherine J. Russell, 26 Wilson St.	99
Wilson A. Smith, 10 Smith Ave. . .	98
McLeod C. Stewart, 16 Shackford Rd.	97
Howard W. Stockbridge, 4 Smith Ave.	98
A. Clifford Woodside, 773 Main St.	98
Blanks	432

Total	1905
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One Town Meeting Member for two years (to fill vacancy)

Fred S. Appleton, 35 Pierce St.	102
Blanks	25

Total	127
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One Town Meeting Member for one year (to fill vacancy)

Frank K. Briggs, 14 Smith Ave.	80
William W. Liston, 8 Smith Ave.	21
Blanks	26

Total	127
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Precinct 2

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

G. Warren Cochrane, 26 County Rd.	134
Stanley W. Colburn, 193 Prescott St.	128
George H. Darling, 21 Fairview Ave.	126
George J. Elbaum, 17 Indiana Ave.	104
Frank M. Elwell, Jr., 3 Indiana Ave.	140
Arthur L. Harris, 59 Oak St.	131
Adelbert F. Hurt, 41 Walnut St.	126
Leon F. Hutchins, 175 Prescott St.	129
Theodore H. Johnson, 246 Woburn St.	134
George E. Merrill, 139 Howard St.	126
Henry C. Milton, 281 Summer Ave.	134
Harmon D. Smith, 32 Wescroft Rd.	123
Linwood L. Spencer, 20 Perkins Ave.	136
William J. Tonks, 3 Copeland Ave.	124
Neil C. Robinson, 15 Vista Ave.	134
Harry R. Walker, 33 Curtis St.	90
Blanks	786

Total	2805
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One Town Meeting Member for two years (to fill vacancy)

Roy E. Hatfield, 19 Oak St.	84
Helen M. Towle, 22 West St.	77
Blanks	26
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Total	187

One Town Meeting Member for one year (to fill vacancy)

Albert O. Dill, 23 California rd.	151
Blanks	36
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Total	187

Precinct 3

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Stephen A. Abbott, 25 Prospect St.	89
Lawrence G. Crosby, 64 Grand St.	126
Grace C. Curtis, 41 Hancock St.	123
Oscar M. David, 211 High St.	109
Joshua T. Day, Jr., 64 Berkeley St.	103
John L. Devaney, 34 Washington St.	122
Alvin E. Estabrook, 62 Temple St.	107
George A. Estabrook, 125 Middlesex Ave.	52
George W. Gunn, 37 School St.	105
Norman W. Haines, 211 Summer Ave.	101
Herbert W. Lewis, 68 Grand St.	105
Donald W. MacLean, 67 Vine St.	76
Richard G. Moore, 40 Grand St.	110
Victor E. Pitkin, 28 Glen Rd.	105
Joshua D. Upton, 79 Woburn St.	104
Alfred W. Rooney, 15 Willow St.	68
Willis F. Tucker, Jr., 39 Vine St.	103
Charles B. Weeks, 78 King St.	98
Mildred E. Wheeler, 22 Temple St.	90
Blanks	624
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Total	2520

One Town Meeting Member for one year (to fill vacancy)

Clarence B. Higgins, Jr., 9 Wenda St.	125
Blanks	43
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Total	168

Precinct 4

Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

C. Nelson Bishop, 55 Lowell St.	116
Eleanor C. Bishop, 55 Lowell St.	114
Herbert C. Copithorne, 13 Lawrence Rd.	118
Elizabeth S. Garrett, 3 Lawrence Rd.	124
Chester A. Gibson, 125 Forest St.	124
Charles R. Herrick, 1243 Main St.	122
Donald Higgins, 51 Grove St.	120
James W. Lee, 29 Franklin St.	124
William Stone, 212 Franklin St.	127
Edward J. Taylor, 13 Forest St.	122
Ernest T. Wakefield, 65 Wakefield St.	118
Albert H. Woodward, 72 Linden St.	108
James Putnam	28
William T. Putnam	1
Harold Putnam	11
Calvin H. Wood	1
Elsie Bird	1
Beulah Stevens	1
Chester Stevens	1
Renie Batchelder	1
Walter Earley	2
Virginia Putnam	1
Marian Goodridge	1
Blanks	734

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The following persons served as Election Officers:

Precinct 1

Ballot Boxes	Jessie N. Thaxter, 11 Winter St.
Ballot Clerk	John W. Goff, 75 Hancock St.
Checkers	Harriett P. Leuchtman, 18 Belmont St.
	Catherine L. Doherty, 111 Green St.
	Martha Starke, 73 Eaton St.
	Jemima W. Clapperton, 161 Pleasant St.
Counters	M. Gertrude Ballou, 71 Green St.
	Mary E. Doran, 33 Orange St.
	Anne C. O'Malley, 12 Middle St.
	Margaret J. Curtin, 75 Harrison St.

Precinct 2

Ballot Boxes	Catherine E. Reilly, 64 Minot St.
Ballot Clerk	Mildred H. Garey, 7 Hopkins St.
Checkers	Nellie E. Whelton, 7 High St.
	Mary C. Barrett, 38 Warren Ave.
	Catherine A. Greene, 32 School St.
Counters	Sadie D. Risemon, 96 Washington St.
	Alberta L. Nichols, 100 Washington St.
	Rose A. Gadbois, 8 Maple St.
	Harold M. Flater, 33 Minot St.

Precinct 3

Ballot Boxes	Gladys R. Dickinson, 25 Arlington St.
Ballot Clerk	Minnie A. Heselton, 17 Berkeley St.
Checkers	Rebecca T. Emery, 65 Middlesex Ave.
	Mary E. Quinlan, 47 Washington St.
	Norma P. Perley, 89 Vine St.
	Ina M. Berquist, 6 Berkeley St.
Counters	Catherine V. Wright, 21 Arlington St.
	Edith Moses, 33 Dudley St.
	Grace E. Wooldridge, 156 High St.
	Bertha L. Skinner, 70 Mineral St.

Precinct 4

Ballot Boxes	Alfred Kimball, 18 Hanscom Ave.
Ballot Clerk	Mabel Bennett, 38 Highland St.
Checkers	Mary C. Horrocks, 63 Highland St.
	Mary V. O'Brien, 169 Lowell St.
	Flora B. Poock, 50 Federal St.
	Marjorie E. Colford, 129 Green St.
Counters	Charles C. Wakefield, 22 Mt. Vernon St.
	Elizabeth M. Bates, 23 Nelson St.
	Catherine G. Doucette, 89 Woburn St.
	Eva F. Gleason, 29 Highland St.
Tabulators	Walter A. Scanlon, 331 Haven St.
	J. Robert Clark, 81 Ash St.

J. W. Sias posted warrant.

Voted to adjourn at 10:00 P. M. to meet in Security Hall on Monday, March 12, 1945.

A true record attest!

NORMAN P. CHARLES,
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

March 12, 1945

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis promptly at 7:45 P. M.

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 5, 1945 meeting, no notice was required by Town Clerk.

The Town Meeting Members were then sworn to office by the Town Moderator.

The Town Clerk partially read the warrant when on the motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. Report of Post War Planning Committee.

The activities of the Post War Planning Committee have been adjusted to the demand upon the facilities for assisting all servicemen and women who have returned.

The Committee, in arranging for future needs, created an Information Center at the High School which is being handled by the School Department personnel. Any service man or woman may present themselves at this Center for information concerning their rights or opportunities and obtain assistance.

The machinery for establishing an educational program; search for employment, medical or legal aid; all of these subjects concerning the rehabilitation of the serviceman have been set up and are ready for use.

The Post War Planning Committee has kept in contact with the activities of other towns nearby, such as Stoneham, Winchester and Wellesley, and have attended several of their meetings. The National Association of Manufacturers and Chamber of Commerce are promoting plans and studies to assist in the work. A great deal of printed information has been received from these sources and are on file at the Information Center for our use.

The post-war work survey was sufficiently completed to establish data that is informative as to potential work plans of citizens for post-war repair, maintenance and building purposes. The proposed schedule of work projects established by the Town Meeting and for which engineering and surveying monies were appropriated from good activities to tide over some temporary work activities.

The cooperation and assistance given by the Town Boards is greatly appreciated. Through Mr. Leon F. Quimby, representing the Salvation Army, a fund of \$200. was made available to the Committee for rehabilitation of returning servicemen. The assistance rendered by the office of the Wakefield Draft Board has been very helpful and is highly appre-

ciated. Through their effort letters to the men being inducted have been delivered and lists of the returning veterans obtained. A letter of welcome with pertinent information publicising the plans already completed for rehabilitation of the servicemen is being prepared for delivery to all returning service men and women.

Your committee feels that although a great deal has not been done because the opportunity is lacking yet the plans already made are ready to function as soon as the returning veteran, and even defense workers in due time, will have some opportunities to receive benefit from the plans that are now established and ready for use.

Respectfully submitted,

Post-War Planning Committee

Signed: GEORGE B. PEASE, Ch.

RALPH G. BABCOCK, Secy.

IRVING C. AUSTIN

WENDELL P. DAVIS

W. GARDNER LONG

H. WILSON POWERS

FRANK D. TANNER

Final Report and Recommendations of the Reading Planning Board with Respect to a Proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-Law

General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 40, section 27, provides that no amendment to the zoning by-law shall be adopted until after the planning board has held a public hearing after due notice and has submitted a final report with recommendations to the Town Meeting or until 20 days shall have elapsed after such hearing without the submission of such report.

A petition was filed with the Selectmen by certain citizens of the Town for the inclusion of an article in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting in March, 1945, to consider and act upon a proposal to amend the zoning by-law as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning by-law and zoning map by extending the industrial district so as to include therein the area hereinafter described:

Beginning at a point 500 feet more or less Easterly from the junction of Bolton Street and Ash Street at the present industrial district;

Thence running Northwesterly to Main Street at the Southerly side of the right of way of the Boston & Maine Railroad;

Thence turning and running Southerly by Main Street 817 feet more or less to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by Joseph J. Robbins et al; and

Thence turning and running Northeasterly in part by said boundary line of Robbins' land and the Southerly boundary line of land of John

and Christine E. Watson approximately 4846 feet to Ash Street and the present industrial district.

So that the above described area shall be rezoned and changed to and become a part of the industrial district."

On February 23, 1945, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the question of whether such change should be made in the zoning by-law, after giving due notice, as required by the statute, of such hearing. The area referred to in the article is now zoned partly for business and partly for residential purposes and has a frontage of approximately 800 feet on Main Street. This hearing was attended by approximately 35 people, including Mr. Robbins, the owner of the property. The Honorable Arthur W. Coolidge appeared at the hearing on behalf of Mr. Robbins. Mr. Robbins, several of the petitioners, and several other citizens spoke in favor of the change in the zoning by-law. No opposition to the change was registered at the hearing.

The principal arguments in favor of the change advanced at the hearing were that Mr. Robbins or his firm, Robbins & Burke, Inc., is running a nice, quiet business of manufacturing refrigerating units for trucks, etc., that this firm employs in the neighborhood of 50 people and that after the war it would employ 80 to 90 people, and that Reading needed small industries. It was also urged by the proponents of the change that the area in the town zoned for industry was not adequate for that purpose, primarily because of the character of the land in the industrial zone. The area now zoned for industry is located in the southerly part of the town, beside the railroad tracks.

The question of changing this area to an industrial zone was presented at a town meeting held in December, 1943, and was voted down by a vote of 100 to 24. No arguments for the change were presented at the public hearing on February 23 which were not advanced at that town meeting, and so far as the planning board is able to determine the situation has not changed materially.

There is no real hardship on the owner of this property if the change is not made. Mr. Robbins admitted that when he purchased the property he knew the purposes for which it was zoned. The Wakefield Trust Company, the former owner, which acquired title by mortgage foreclosure, did not seek to have the area zoned for industrial purposes at the time of the general revision of the by-laws three years ago. Furthermore none of the present petitioners advocated that this area be zoned for industry at the time the present by-law was enacted. The basic question is whether we want to bring industry onto the main street of the town.

The planning board believes that in deciding whether the amendment should be passed, consideration should be given to the character of the Town, what its future prospects of development are, and what effect the proposed change will have on them. The present zoning by-

law was adopted after careful consideration and deliberation, and it should not be altered materially except in a case where the Town will be benefited by the change or possibly in a case of extreme hardship to the owner where little, if any damage will be done to the Town.

Evidence was offered at the public hearing that the assessed valuation of the property had been reduced but a member of the Board of Assessors who testified refused to commit the Board of Assessors as to whether the valuation would be increased if the change were made in the zoning by-law. Several witnesses stated that in their opinion it would be of advantage to the Town to have a small industry established. It appeared that all of the present employees of this business come from outside of Reading and that only in the event that additional help were needed would citizens of Reading be employed. The planning board feels that an industry in a town like Reading is not an unmitigated blessing. Generally when times are good the citizens of the town have no difficulty in finding employment. When times are bad, a considerable number of employees are laid off with the result that more people are placed on welfare. If the effect of re-zoning should be to bring factory employees into Reading the net result might be that in times of depression the Town would find itself with a much heavier welfare load than it would have if the business had never come to town. Also it should be borne in mind that the mere increase in population does not usually react to the financial advantage of the Town. The costs of the services rendered by the town are increased, particularly the school and housing problems would be increased. Both of these are critical in Reading at the present time.

If this change is made and this area is zoned for industry it is then open for any use which is allowed in an industrial area. There can be no certainty that the present owner of the property will continue to operate the same kind of a business that he now operates or that he will not find it advisable to sell the premises to someone who may use it for a use which would be very much less acceptable than the use which the present owner proposes to make of it. In connection with the argument that the land now zoned for industry is not suitable for the purpose, it should be pointed out that industrial establishments in a great many places are established on marginal land. A good example of this was the General Electric Plant at Lynn. Furthermore the Town and Federal Government have recently expended considerably in excess of \$100,000, in draining the area on the southerly side of the Town which includes the area zoned for industry. One of the chief arguments for that expenditure was that the land would be made available for industrial use. However, if there is not sufficient land suitable for industrial uses it should be made available somewhere else than on the main street of the Town.

Reading is primarily a residential community and it seems apparent to the Planning Board that it is going to continue as such. Residential communities are just as essential as industrial communities and the Town should not permit industry in an area which would tend to retard the development of the Town as a residential community.

As we have stated earlier in this report the basic question for decision is whether the Town wants industry on its main street. It should be borne in mind that the practical effect of letting one industry in is to open the door for similar petitions in the future and it will be progressively more difficult or impossible to refuse to grant them.

The Planning Board feels that it is unfortunate that people who are known to be opposed to this change did not appear at the hearing and express their views. The Board does not conceive that in making its findings and recommendations it is confined to the evidence introduced at a public hearing, and thereby bound to recommend that the change be made if the evidence or the weight of it is in favor of the change, but understands that it is at liberty in making its recommendations, to take into consideration all of the material factors of which it knows. Having done this the Planning Board believes that the establishment of an industrial area on the main street of the Town would be a detriment to the Town as a whole, and consequently recommends that the change not be made.

Mr. Parker and Mr. White were unable, because of illness, to attend the public hearing, but have examined the transcript of the hearing and have attended the deliberations of the Board on this matter and concur in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

READING PLANNING BOARD

A. LLOYD DAVID, Chairman
GEORGE B. PEASE, Secretary
WINTHROP D. PARKER
PHILIP R. WHITE
WALTER D. BERRY

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 2 on the Table.

Article 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Elias B. Currell
William R. Zwicker
Fred F. Smith

and that the following be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark:

Percy N. Sweetser
Elias B. Currell
Thomas F. Brogan

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of thirty thousand five hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty-three cents (\$30,552.53) be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows:

Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Selectmen's Clerical	1,069.70
Town Accountant's Salary	1,709.54
Treasurer's Salary	1,575.00
Treasurer's Expenses	800.00
Treasurer's Clerical	400.00
Collector's Salary	2,415.00*
Collector's Expenses	1,000.00
Collector's Clerical	800.00
Assessors' Salaries	
Chairman \$1500., 2 members each \$630.	2,760.00
Assessors' Expenses	1,500.00
Assessors' Clerical	3,211.00
Town Counsel's Salary	1,312.50
Town Counsel's Expenses	550.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,102.50*
Town Clerk's Expenses	500.00
Registrars' Salaries	347.29
Registrars' Expenses, Special	1,100.00
Election and Registration Expense	800.00
Planning Board Expense	100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,900.00**
Municipal Building Maintenance	2,600.00
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	\$ 30,552.53

* Fees to Town Treasury.

** Including travel outside the State

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of one hundred and three thousand, four hundred and one dollars and sixty-three cents (\$103,401.63) be raised and appropriated for protection of Persons and Property as follows:

Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 43,241.64
Patrick J. Long Pension	1,273.39

Police Dept. Maintenance	5,625.00*
Police Station Maintenance	1,583.75
Fire Dept. Salaries	25,898.10
Fire Dept. Call Men	3,000.00
O. O. Ordway Pension	1,300.00
Fire Dept. Maintenance	4,000.00*
Fire Stations Maintenance	2,730.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,487.50
Fire Alarm Extension	300.00
Hydrant Rentals	500.00
Moth & Tree Depts.	10,464.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary	551.25
Inspector of Wires Salary	210.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary	551.25
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses	250.00
Game Warden Salary	105.00
Dog Officer Salary	330.75

\$103,401.63

* Includes travel outside the State.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of seven thousand two hundred and six dollars be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 315.00
Board of Health Expenses	275.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary	525.00
Inspector of Animals Salary	220.50
Inspector of Milk & Food Salary	220.50
Care of Contagious Diseases	5,000.00
Dental Clinic	650.00

\$ 7,206.00

Article 4. On motion of Joseph D. Knight it was voted that the sum of one hundred seventeen thousand, six hundred dollars (\$117,600.00) be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid, as follows:

General Aid	\$ 20,000.00
General Aid Administrative	4,900.00
Aid to Dependent Children	13,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative	800.00
Old Age Assistance	72,500.00
Old Age Assistance Administrative	6,400.00

\$117,600.00

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Veterans' Benefits.

Article 4. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of \$336,865.47 be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows :

General Salaries	\$252,388.47
General Maintenance, including travel outside of State ...	46,777.00
Transportation	6,200.00
Industrial Tuition	1,500.00
School Lunches	30,000.00
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\$336,865.47	

Article 4. On motion of A. Imrie Dixon it was voted that the sum of nine thousand eight hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for the Public Library, to be divided as follows :

Salaries	\$ 6,500.00
Maintenance	3,300.00
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\$ 9,800.00	

Article 4. On motion of Clarence C. White it was voted that the sum of eleven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$11,500.00) be raised and appropriated for Cemeteries, to be expended for maintenance, care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, including travel outside of the State.

Article 4. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of one hundred fifty-six thousand, one hundred (\$156,100.00) be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works, as follows :

Administrative, Salaries & Office Expenses	\$ 6,200.00
Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Setting Curbs, Purchase or otherwise acquiring land for Sand and Gravel purposes, Purchase of Materials, Tool and Equipment, and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto	42,000.00
Removal of Snow and Ice	20,000.00
Sidewalk Maintenance & Construction	4,300.00
Maintenance of Storm Drains	4,200.00
Construction of Storm Drains	7,500.00
Park Department & Common Maintenance and Supervised Play	6,000.00
Care of Dumps	1,800.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer	2,000.00

Maintenance, Operation & Construction of Water Works, Payment of Water Bonds & Interest, including travel outside of State	50,000.00
Maintenance, Operation & Extension of the Sewer System, Payment of Interest on Sewer Bonds	12,000.00
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	\$156,100.00

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post No. 62, American Legion and Post No. 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of two thousand six hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2,656.25) be raised and appropriated for Interest, not including Water, Light and Sewer.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was voted that the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including Water and Light.

Article 4. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was voted that the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$11,952.77) be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

Article 4. On motion of Leon G. Bent, it was voted that the sum of twenty-one thousand and twelve dollars (\$21,012.00) be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System to be divided as follows:
Pension Accumulation Fund \$ 20,312.00
Expense Fund 700.00

\$ 21,012.00

Article 4. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year to be appropriated for the Municipal Lighting Plant, and that the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.) be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriation to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting, under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof or addition thereto, and that if said sum of \$15,000. and said income shall

exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

Article 5. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and he hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1946, and to issue note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption of any and all real estate taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

Article 7. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the Reserve Fund, as provided by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Article 8. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, in time of war or insurrection and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 22, Chapter 115, General Laws.

Article 9. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson, it was voted that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the street lists for the year 1945, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 10. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted that the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) be raised and appropriated for the preservation of health and protection of persons and property, during the National Emergency, such sum to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for all purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941 and any and all amendments thereto.

Article 11. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that a sum of not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be transferred from General Highway appropriation and a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) be transferred from the surplus revenue and that said sums be appropriated for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance in 1945, provided however, that such sums received as reimbursement from the State and County shall be credited to surplus revenue.

Article 12. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to petition the General Court in behalf of the Town to change the boundary line between the Town of Lynnfield and this Town so as to straighten said boundary line commencing at the Town bound at a point which is the dividing line of the Towns of Wakefield, Lynnfield and Reading and thence running in a Northerly direction in a straight line to the boundary line between this Town and North Reading at the location of a Town bound separating the Towns of North Reading, Lynnfield and this Town, so that a portion of land now in Lynnfield will be included in Reading and a portion of land now situated in this Town will be relinquished to the Town of Lynnfield.

Article 13. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted to lay Article 13 on the table.

Article 14. On motion of W. Gardner Long that the Board of Public Works be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to petition the General Court for legislation by Amendment of Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1889 or otherwise so that the net surplus income received from the water rates may be applied as the Town may from time to time determine.

This motion was not carried.

Article 15. On motion of Irving C. Austin that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town by purchase upon such terms and conditions as they may determine or taking by eminent domain such tracts of land together with the buildings thereon or such part thereof as they may deem suitable, situated in or adjoining Birch Meadow so-called and being the land bounded Northerly by Birch Meadow Playground so-called and Waverly Road (Private Way); Easterly by Oakland Road (Private Way); Southerly by Tower Road (Private Way); and Westerly by Longfellow Road (Private Way), land of Harold L. and Martha B. Weston and the Birch Meadow Playground so-called and such parcels are together estimated to contain 11.452 acres of land, for the construction of Senior High School and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) be and the same hereby is raised and appropriated for such purchase or taking.

This being a Bond Issue a two thirds vote is necessary.

88 voted "yes" and 59 voted "no". The motion was not carried.

Article 3. On motion of Logan Dickie it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

On motion of Logan Dickie it was voted that a committee be hereby appointed to give further study to the question of a proper location for the proposed High School and that the Committee be instructed to report to a special town meeting to be held during 1945. This Committee to consist of Mrs. Walter Early, Mrs. Gladys Milton, Norman Duncan,

Irving Austin, Warren Killam, Merle Wescott, W. Gardner Long, Melvin Crosby and John Devaney.

Article 16. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire for and in behalf of the Town by purchase upon such terms and conditions as they may determine or taking by right of eminent domain a parcel of land adjoining the Athletic Field of the Junior High School owned by the Boston & Maine Railroad and containing approximately 45,900 square feet of land, for the further development and enlargement of the Athletic Field and the sum of seven hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$725.00) is hereby raised and appropriated for such purchase or taking.

This being a bond issue a two thirds vote is necessary. The motion was carried unanimously.

Article 17. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the preparation of plans, surveys and specifications and for such architectural and engineering advice and services which may be necessary for the design of an elementary school building to be located upon the site at the Southeasterly corner of Summer Avenue and Oak Street and Westerly of Summer Avenue.

Article 17. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase upon such terms and conditions as they may determine or taking by eminent domain for and in behalf of the Town such parcels of land with the buildings thereon situated at the Southwesterly corner of Summer Avenue and Oak Street and Westerly of Summer Avenue and shown as lots "A", "B", "C" and "D" on Plan of Proposed Land Takings for School Purposes, dated December 1944, H. Kingman Abbott, Surveyor, and such parcels together are estimated to contain 7.487 acres of land, for the construction of elementary school building and the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) be and the same hereby is raised and appropriated for such purpose or taking.

This being a Bond issue a two thirds vote is necessary. 135 voted "yes" and 12 voted "no." The motion was carried.

On motion of John Devaney, it was voted to adjourn at 10:20 P. M. and to meet in Security Hall, Monday, March 26, 1945 at 7:45 P. M.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

March 26, 1945

The fact that this meeting was an adjourned meeting of the March 12, 1945 meeting, no notice was required by Town Clerk.

Article 18. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of one thousand eighty-nine and 30/100 (\$1,089.30) dollars be raised and

appropriated for the payment of certain unpaid bills for the year 1944 in the School Department Cafeteria Account in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941. This required a 4/5 vote. 111 voted "Yes" and none voted "No". This was a unanimous vote.

Article 19. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that the sum of seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) dollars be raised and appropriated to pay into the teachers retirement system for the benefit of teachers on military leave of absence during the year 1944 as provided for and under authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 20. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Health be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into a contract for the collection and disposal of garbage for a term not exceeding three years and upon such other and further terms and conditions as they may determine and that the sum of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated therefor covering the year 1945.

Article 21. On motion of A. Imrie Dixon it was voted that the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the preparation of plans and specifications and the architectural and engineering services which may be necessary for enlarging and remodeling the library building so as to provide for a stack room therein, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Public Library.

Article 22. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars be appropriated from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account and transferred to the Road Machinery Fund for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for the purchase of two trucks, one trailer and two snow plows, for the use of and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the proceeds from the sale of the old equipment to be turned in shall be appropriated in addition to the \$15,000.00 as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned new equipment, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 23. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of plowing, harrowing and furnishing aid in the cultivation of private land as authorized under the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 24. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the altering or relocating of the location lines of Pearl Street, from Charles Street to a point 1282.48 feet northerly from Charles Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

**Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation, Alteration
and Change of Grade on Portion of Pearl Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highway be laid out, relocated, altered and the grade changed as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present, who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated, altered and changed the grade as a public highway for the use of the Town, a portion of Pearl Street. The boundaries and measurements of said public highway as so laid out, relocated, altered and grade changed are as follows:

Beginning at a Stone Bound set on the Westerly side line of said Pearl Street at its intersection with the North-Westerly side line of a public town way known as Charles Street; said Stone Bound being the Northerly terminus of a curved line in said North-Westerly side line of Charles Street having a radius of 556.78 feet and a total length of 280.78 feet;

Thence N. 9° — $54'$ — $10''$ E., through lands of Robert E. Miles and Katherine G. Miles, Edward E. Meekins and Olga Meekins, Ernest S. Hickman and Mildred E. Hickman, a distance of 159.31 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a general North-Easterly direction, and having a radius of 1015.72 feet, through and/or by said lands of Hickman et ux, and lands of John T. White and Harriet B. White, Charles R. Kinney and Isabelle W. Kinney, a Private Way known as Bunker Avenue, lands of Clifford E. Reynolds and Ethel A. Reynolds, and lands of the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 495.14 feet to a point;

Thence N. 37° — $50'$ — $00''$ E., still through lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a distance of 192.00 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a general Northerly direction and having a radius of 380.00 feet, still through lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, lands of Grace E. Whitehouse, and lands of Winifred Meyer Dow, a length of 373.62 feet to a point;

Thence N. 18° — $30'$ W., still through lands of said Dow, a distance of 52.50 feet to a point, said point being the North-Westerly terminus of this layout;

Thence N. 71° — $30'$ E., still through lands of said Dow, across the public town way known as Pearl Street, and through lands of Charles C. Wakefield et al, a distance of 40.0 feet to a point, said point being the North-Easterly terminus of this layout;

Thence S. 18° -- 30' E., still through lands of said Wakefield et al, a distance of 52.50 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Right, running in a general Southerly direction and having a radius of 420.0 feet, still through lands of said Wakefield et al, through and/or by lands of Edith M. Putnam, lands of Clayton A. Nash and Ruth S. Nash, and lands of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 412.94 feet to a point;

Thence S. 37° -- 50' -- 00" W., still through land of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a distance of 192.00 feet to a point of curve;

Thence by a curved line to the Left, running in a general South-Westerly direction, and having a radius of 975.72 feet, still through land of said Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, a length of 475.64 feet to a Stone Bound, said Stone Bound being situated at the intersection of the Easterly side line of Pearl Street and said North-Westerly side line of Charles Street;

Thence S. 23° -- 58' -- 35" W., by said North-Westerly side of said Charles Street, a distance of 164.26 feet to the Stone Bound at the point of beginning.

The above described lines being more fully shown on a Plan entitled "Relocation, Alteration and Change of Grade on Portion of Pearl Street, Reading, Mass.", dated December, 1944, Board of Public Works, Philip Welch, Supt., said Plan being a part of this description.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement, no betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation, alteration and change of grade so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highway shall thereafter be laid out, relocated, altered and grade changed in accordance with said plan.

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEX LINDSAY, Secretary
HAROLD W. PUTNAM
EDWARD TEER

Members of the Board of Public Works
Town of Reading

Article 25. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted to lay Article 25 on the table.

On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted to take Article 25 from the table. It was moved that the provisions of Section 27A of Chapter 40 of the General Laws relating to reconsideration of proposed change in Zoning By-law after unfavorable action be and the same hereby is accepted.

This motion was not carried.

Article 26. On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted to lay Article 26 on the table.

On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted to take Article 26 from the table.

On motion of A. Lloyd David it was voted that Article 26 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 27. On motion of Otis B. Ruggles it was voted that Article 27 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 28. On motion of Arthur W. Coolidge it was moved that the Zoning By-laws and Zoning Map be and the same hereby are amended by extending the industrial district so as to include therein the area hereinafter described, and as so amended such area shall be re-zoned and changed to and become part of the industrial district.

"Beginning at a point five hundred (500) feet more or less easterly from the junction of Bolton and Ash Street at the present industrial district; thence running north-westerly to Main Street at the Southerly side of the right of way of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence turning and running Southerly by Main Street 817 feet more or less to the Southerly boundary line of the premises owned by Joseph J. Robbins et al, and thence turning and running Northeasterly in part by said boundary line of Robbins' land and the Southerly boundary line of land of John and Christine E. Watson approximately 484.6 feet to Ash Street, and the present industrial district."

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 71 voted "Yes" and 66 voted "No." The motion was lost.

Article 29. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the general expenses of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee.

Article 30. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars be appropriated under authority of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1943 by transferring said sum from Surplus Revenue, for the purchase of United States War Bonds to be added to the Post War Rehabilitation Fund and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make the transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 31. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the membership of the Recreation Committee established by vote of the Town at a Special Town Meeting held June 1, 1943 be and the same hereby is increased from four to seven members, and that Carl Pinkham, Charles Sweetser and C. Sumner Teel are hereby chosen to serve as members of such committee.

Article 32. On motion of Herbert K. Miller it was voted that the sum of forty-five hundred (\$4,500.00) dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport,

physical education and other social educational and recreational activities upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all the powers conferred therein including the purchase of the necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation.

Article 33. On motion of Clarence C. White it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery, for the maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said cemeteries, under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 34. On motion of Henry R. Johnson it was voted that the subject matter of Article 34 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the Plant.

Article 35. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of four hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$417.50) be raised and appropriated to pay into the Contributory Retirement System for Municipal Employees, excluding school teachers, for the benefit of municipal employees on military leave of absence during the year 1944 as provided for and under the authority of Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 36. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) be raised and appropriated for the further development of the Town Forest.

Article 37. On motion of Frank M. Stevens it was voted that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion, for the year 1945.

Article 38. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for Reading Post Veterans of Foreign Wars for the year 1945.

Article 39. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

Article 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

Article 13. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 13 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 13 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, Sine Die.
Attest:

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT

(Seal)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in Security Hall, Woburn Street, in said Reading on

Thursday, the Twenty-seventh Day of December, 1945

at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of Town officers and special committees and determine what instructions will be given Town officers and special committees.

Article 2. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund for Overlay Deficits of the levies of 1941 and 1942 or what it will do in relation thereto.

Town Accountant

Article 3. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer for the payment of an unpaid bill of 1944 in the Veterans Benefits Department, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 723 of the Acts of 1945, being an act authorizing the establishment and maintenance of a Municipal Department for furnishing information, advice and assistance to Veterans of World War II and other Veterans or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to hereafter elect the Tax Collector for a term of three years under authority of Section 1 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to further amend Article X of the By-laws of the Town by inserting after Section 5A thereof, the following new section:

Section 5B. Every owner and occupant of land abutting upon the sidewalks within the area of the town hereinafter defined, shall remove or cause to be removed, all snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting their estates within twenty-four hours after the cessation of any snow storm: Westerly side of Main Street between Woburn Street and Green Street, Easterly side of Main Street between Pleasant Street and Green Street, Both sides of Haven Street between Main Street and High Street, Both sides of Haven Street extending one hundred and twenty feet easterly from Main Street, Southeasterly side of Harnden Street from Pleasant Street to Union Street, Easterly side of High Street from Haven Street to Green Street.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall forfeit and pay for each offense a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Snow and Ice Account, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 8. To see what sum the Town will appropriate from available funds and transfer to the Road Machinery Fund, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Works to obtain an advance from the Federal Government for the preparation of Plans and Engineering services for the addition and extension to the Municipal Garage and to further authorize and empower the chairman of the Board of Public Works to execute for and in behalf of the Town such applications, agreements and other documents with the Federal Works Agency Bureau of Community Facilities which may be necessary for the purpose of securing such advance or what it will do in relation thereto.

Board of Public Works

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to obtain an advance from the Federal Government for the preparation of plans and engineering services for the proposed construction of the elementary school building on Summer Avenue and to further authorize and empower the Chairman of the School Committee to execute for and in behalf of the Town such applications, agreements and other documents with the Federal Works Agency Bureau of Community Facilities which may be necessary for the purpose of securing such advance or what it will do in relation thereto.

School Committee

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

KENNETH C. LATHAM
HERBERT K. MILLER
CHARLES E. WILKINSON
Selectmen of Reading

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Security Hall

December 27, 1945

Woburn Street

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Samuel H. Davis. The warrant was partially read, when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant, except the Constable's Return which was then duly read by the Town Clerk.

The number in attendance was checked and enough were there for a quorum and the meeting was legally open.

The Report of the Committee Appointed to Choose a Site for a

New High School

The committee had its first meeting to organize on March 12th, at which time the chairman and secretary were appointed, and the studies already made by the School Committee on the possibilities of various high school sites were thoroughly reviewed.

At our next meeting, on March 17th, the entire committee inspected the sites which had been given serious consideration, such as the old high school, the junior high school, and the land at Birch Meadow. In conjunction, maps on locations and trends of population were examined. Following this meeting, individual members of the committee made additional personal inspections.

On April 9th we met with members of the Planning Board to study additional maps that they might have and to discuss all available land which could be used for school sites. The airplane maps which they had been able to obtain were of great value. At this meeting the Washington Street Playground was discussed and rejected. Contour maps and additional borings were being prepared, to be ready for our next meeting.

At the meeting on June 20th, contour maps and borings of the Birch Meadow site were thoroughly studied, and the possibilities of the junior high school site were studied, the discussion finally centering entirely on comparative costs and advantages between a new school on the Birch Meadow site and on the old high school site.

On June 28th, after further discussion, the committee voted that in order to settle the question of comparative costs as accurately as possible, "The School Committee have Mr. Clinch of Adden, Parker, Clinch & Crimp, make architectural studies of the present high school building and site, including the necessary lands bounded by Middlesex, Sanborn, and Linden Streets, and carry the survey on the Birch Meadow site to the same extent, so that comparable figures may be had."

Before definite instructions could be given to the architect, it was necessary for the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee to spend many weeks of research and study so that requirements in curricula, capacity, administrative functions, and public conveniences could be planned. These were finally presented to Mr. Clinch, the gen-

eral requirements covering a school to take care of 800 pupils, with service units, such as an auditorium for 1,000.

The sketches have now been completed and submitted, with estimates which were made by competent engineers employed by the architects. However, these figures were not available for presentation to your committee until last Friday, December 21st.

Since it is going to take, as we all realize, a great deal of time and study before a final decision, we would ask the town meeting members to consider this a report of progress and to extend the life of this committee up to the annual town meeting.

The committee wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Clinch and his associates for their efforts on behalf of the town, and also to Dr. Grover for the vast amount of work it has been necessary for him to do for these extra studies.

MELVIN A. CROSBY
NORMAN L. DUNCAN
W. GARDNER LONG
J. L. DEVANEY
J. WARREN KILLAM, Jr.
M. W. WESCOTT
MARY E. EARLEY
GLADYS F. MILTON
IRVING C. AUSTIN

Reading, Massachusetts

December 26, 1945

Article 1. On motion of W. Gardner Long it was voted that the preliminary report of the committee appointed for the study of a proper location for the proposed high school be and the same hereby is accepted and that said committee be continued in office until such time as the Town by vote at Town meeting assembled shall otherwise determine and that said committee now be instructed to make final report at the annual Town meeting to be held in March, 1946.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to lay Article I on the table.

Article 2. On motion of Leon G. Bent it was voted that the sum of one hundred eighty-six and 81/100 (186.81) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund for Overlay Deficits of the levies of 1941 and 1942 and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 3. On motion of Charles E. Wilkinson it was voted that the sum of fifty (50) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Veterans Benefits Account for the payment of an unpaid bill of 1944 in the Veterans Benefits Department, under authority of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said Department.

Article 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the provisions of Chapter 723 of the Acts of 1945, being an act authorizing the establishment and maintenance of a Municipal Department for furnishing information, advice and assistance to Veterans of World War II and other Veterans be and the same hereby is accepted.

Article 5. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Tax Collector of the Town hereafter shall be elected for a term of three years under authority of Section 1 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Article 6. On motion of Herbert K. Miller that Article X of the By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by inserting after Section 5A thereof, the following new section:

Section 5B. Every owner and occupant of land abutting upon the sidewalks within the area of the town hereinafter defined, shall remove or cause to be removed all snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting their estates within twenty-four hours after the cessation of any snow storm. Westerly side of Main Street between Woburn Street and Green Street, Easterly side of Main Street between Pleasant Street and Green Street, Both sides of Haven Street between Main Street and High Street, Both sides of Haven Street extending one hundred and twenty feet easterly from Main Street, Southeasterly side of Harnden Street from Pleasant Street to Union Street, Easterly side of High Street from Haven Street to Green Street.

Whoever violates any provision of this section shall forfeit and pay for each offense a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

This motion was not carried.

Article 7. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of forty-nine hundred (4900) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund, to the Snow and Ice Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 8. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance in the Road Machinery Account to the Road Machinery Fund and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

Article 9. On motion of Wendell P. Davis it was voted that the Board of Public Works be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to obtain for and in behalf of the Town an advance from the Federal Government for the preparation of plans and engineering services for the addition and extension to the Municipal Garage and the Chairman of said Board of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of the Town such applications, agreements and other documents with the Federal Works Agency Bureau of

Community Facilities which may be necessary for the purpose of securing such advance from the Federal Government.

Article 10. On motion of J Warren Killam, Jr., it was voted that the School Committee be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to obtain for and in behalf of the Town an advance from the Federal Government for the preparation of plans and engineering services for the proposed construction of the elementary school building on Summer Avenue and the Chairman of the School Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute for and in behalf of the Town such applications, agreements and other documents with the Federal Works Agency Bureau of Community Facilities which may be necessary for the purpose of securing such advance from the Federal Government.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn Sine Die.

152 precinct members attended this meeting.

Attest:

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

Town Clerk

NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition) (As amended by Chapter 326, section one, Acts of 1939.)

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgment of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred

and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts hereinabove required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided, that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours, mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such births occurred a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

General Laws, Chapter 111

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Parent
January		
1	Nancy Louise March	Willis H. and Ina S.
3	Ronald Peter Doucette	Charles H. and, Evangeline
11	Alan Henry Balestrier	Joseph and Eileen L.
11	Elizabeth Ann Burnside	Robert G. and Margaret P
11	Diane Louise Dulong	Edward A. and Rita M
13	Richard Nelson Holt	Clifford W. and Shirley F
13	Roy Alan Fisher	Carlton L. and Margaret M
18	James Galvin	James F. and Alice W.
24	Benjamin Joseph Maxwell	George D. and Mary E.
25	Michael Thomas Green	William A. and Gertrude C.
26	Janet Anne Albano	Carl and Mary P.
26	Joyce Edla Freeman	William T. and Mildred E.
28	Joe Ernest Skinner	William and Vera A.
28	Charles Raymond Smith, Jr.	Charles R. and Pauline E.
30	Edward Gage Conture	Edward J. and Helen G.
February		
3	Georgia Kay Elbaum	George J. and Rose K.
4	Jon Michael Fennelly	George E. Jr. and Ruth W.
5	Yvonne Daley	William M. and Sarah A.
7	Thomas George Gallant	John A. and Frances G.
7	Robert Barrett Kean	Roberit H. and Lillian D. D.
10	Linda Ann Call	Alvin M. and Edith H. I.
15	Paul Torbjorn Archer	Fred V. Jr. and Marian E.
15	Barbara Sue Florence	William R. and Susanna M.
15	Arthur William Sheppard	George E. and Beatrice S.
19	Malcolm Andrew Johnston	Malcolm G. and Carolyn L.
20	Carl Francis Vivace	Carl Jr. and Norma A.
21	Charles Robert Down Mayne	Jermyn C. D. and Julia O.
26	Richard Lyle Bailey, Jr.	Richard L. and Melba G.
26	Robert Walter Fearon	Walter R. and Gertrude E.
27	Cathrine Ann Howard	Robert N. and Mary A.
March		
1	Dorothy Frances Cavanaugh	James J. and Mary F.
1	Jon Leonard Gromyko	Alfonse B. and Janice E.
1	Bruce Grant MacKenzie	William A. and Floris H
2	Archer Lee Prentiss	Archer N. and Priscilla C.
8	Sheila Rose Hubbard	Frank E. and Rose S.
8	Charles Richard Tibbs, III	Charles R. Jr. and Theiss M.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Parent
March		
8	Donald Lincoln Wood	Carl L. and Phyllis W.
12	George Edward Melendy	George E. and Catherine M.
12	David Warner Hoyt	Richard F. Sr. and Barbara J.
12	Muriel Ann Denbow	Chester D. and Louise M.
12	Paul Willis Hubbard	Alan W. and Esther A.
14	Richard Karl Hutchins	Emlen T. and Mary F.
14	Robert Wayne Lougee, Jr.	Robert W. and Grace M.
16	Edmund Gilbert Gromyko, Jr.	Edmund G. and Marjorie E.
16	Nancy Marie Florence	Richard E. and Christine M.
16	Thomas William Doucette	Clarence L. and Frances L.
16	John Kendall Mansur	Richard L. and Elizabeth C.
17	Patricia Thornton	Francis J. Jr. and Jeannette M.
18	Malcolm C. Latham	Cecil R. and Ethel M.
19	Barbara Burpee	William E. and Thelma M.
20	Sharon Lee Madden	Herbert and Myrtle I.
27	Donald John Blaisdell	Donald and Anita Estelle
27	Bruce Allyn Madio	Daniel and Florence M.
28	Dexter Lee	Henry A. and Gertrude I.
April		
3	Charles Lewis Mallett	Oliver C. and Winnifred D.
4	Marcia Rudolph	John I. and Alice E.
7	Terence Murphy	William F. and Elena V.
8	Thomas Michael Riley	Charles F. and Grace P.
8	Valerie Grundy	Robert A. and Ethel P.
10	Linda May Hurd	Julian W. and Renzel M.
11	Grace Mae Perkins	Dana R. and Dorothy M.
17	Kenneth Plumer Copithorne	Herbert C. and Madelyn E.
19	Robert Arnold Benson	Bruce A. and Mabel E.
24	Marilyn Elaine Steele	William and Dorothy M.
25	Caren Nancy Doucette	Everett J. and Thelma E.
25	Albion Illsley Dole, III	Albion I. Jr. and May E.
29	Louise Elizabeth Rose	Walter W. and Maria A.
30	James Richard Edwards	Thomas C. and Margaret D.
May		
3	Andrew Nelson Buttrick	John D. and Betsey
4	Paul Francis Meuse	Stephen E. and Edith F.
6	David Lawrence Morrison	Kenneth O. and Sarah B.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Parent
May		
7	Rebecca Ives Weeks	Charles B. and Barbara W.
11	Douglas Warren Quinn	Addison A. Jr. and Doris T.
12	Clifford Keith Legg	Robert J. and Miriam G.
14	Patricia Louise White	Edward V. and Marian L.
15	Laura Joan Ghibellini	Alfred and Rita L.
19	Karen Dorothy Jones	Raymond D. and Ruth A.
19	Stephen Soule Schroeder	Paul H. and Elizabeth H.
20	Marjorie Park Zimmer	William T. and Barbara N.
21	Richard Alan Sullivan	Charles H. and Mary B.
21	John Morris Merryman	John B. and Eva M.
22	Judith Ellen Hampton	William F. and Alice S.
22	Barbara Ann Widell	Thomas S. and Ann E.
23	Katherine Michele O'Donnell	William M. and Roberta E.
24	Martha Louise Beeman	Douglas C. and Mary F.
25	Edward James McKinnon	John R. and Virginia G.
26	Anthony Paul Carpenella	Felix F. and Lucy P.
30	Joyce Audrey Graustein	Arthur W. and Audrey C.
31	James Toner	Joseph P. and Eleanor V.
June		
1	John Nathan Lord	Harold N. Jr. and Alice C.
1	Nancy Marie Brown	John W. and Mary L.
3	Austin William Doherty	Edwin J. and Elizabeth F.
4	Paula Joyce Shannon	Robert W. and Eloise A.
4	Barbara Jean Bronk	John F. and Helen R.
5	Rosemary Toto	Angelo M. and Pasqualina J.
6	Thomas Joseph Fleming	James E. and Mary F.
8	Frederick Eugene Kelley	Robie M. and Natalie E.
9	Bettina Paulson	John E. and Alice E.
13	Robert David Totman	Russell B. and Jennie E.
13	Neil Francis Liston	William W. and Ella R.
14	Thomas Edwin Oliver	Frederick S. and Gertrude A.
15	Brenda Ann Heselton	Frederick W. and Edith V.
16	Nancy Helen Ducker	George A. and Elizabeth A.
17	Richard Glen Hulsey	Oliver K. and Katherine G.
18	Leslie Lane Oldenbrook	Hendrick and Virginia C.
19	Susan Walker	Frederick and Helen M.
20	Marsha Prudence Mason	Philip E. and Mary M.
20	Thomas Irving Skidmore, Jr.	Thomas I. and Maybelle L.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Parent
June		
23	Frederick Demār Carter, Jr.	Frederick D. and Mary A.
28	Doris Louise McSheehy	Charles E. and Dorothy O.
29	Alan Thomas Bartlett	Joseph M. and Bertha M.
29	Marjorie Ann Johnson	Lee T. and Lillian C.
July		
3	Malcolm Arthur MacKay	Malcolm and Gertrude C.
6	Frederick Eugene Perry, Jr.	Frederick E. and Pauline H.
—6	Alan Lawrence Willard	Emerson A. and Marian P.
7	Ronald Christopher Bell	Walter S. and Evelyn F.
—12	Peter Hubbard Walker	Harry S. R. and Louise L.
12	Shea	Kenneth H. and Helen E.
13	William Henry Dee, III	William H. Jr. and Margaret M.
14	John Reynold Carlson	Carl R. and Ethel E.
14	Ronald Bradley Mack	Raymond A. and Marion G.
17	Carolyn Anne Schaeffer	Richard T. and Edythe D.
19	Sandra Morrow	Henry C. and Barbara C.
22	Elaine Elizabeth Linehan	John F. and Althea A.
24	Robert Milton Perry	James M. and Mary N.
25	William Howard Strout	Charles H. and Alice M.
28	Mildred Lillian Foye	William C. and Winifred G.
28	Marcia Hadley Peck	Samuel A. W. and Marion L.
30	Bradley Irons Reed	William P. and Gertrude I.
August		
2	Rosamond Claire Hall	Emery L. and Alice B.
2	Michael Joseph Foley, Jr.	Michael J. and Dorothy C.
2	Mary Margaret Halpin	Thomas F. and Arline C.
4	Thomas Frederic Sutton	Frederic H. and Eileen E.
7	Phillip Arthur Kimball	Ralph L. and Eleanor S.
8	Louise Mary Sweeney	John W. and Rita V.
10	Lisa Melanie Nargis	John H. and Grace R.
14	Judith Ann Thomas	Charles E. and Una M.
17	Brooks Allan Pierpont	Niles W. and Doris G.
20	Mary Ellen Cannington	James A. Jr. and Margaret C.
21	Judith Ann Russell	Norman D. and Mary E.
3	John Thomas Rose	John T. and Helen F.
23	Thomas George Davis	Frank L. and Leslee D.
26	Martha Ellen Sweetser	Charles N. and Dorothy J.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Parent
August		
27	Ralph Joseph Robbins, Jr.	Ralph J. and Mary K.
28	Montine Joanne Cleveland	Richard A. and Elizabeth L.
28	David Lylle Rivers	Kenneth B. and Marie E.
30	Sharon Leslie Shauer	Clarence L. and Eleanor V.
31	Gail Lee Nelson	Harley C. and Priscilla G.
September		
2	Loretta Anne Boudreau	Clifford A. and Ida E.
3	Carolyn May Harlow	Norman L. and Eleanor M.
6	Edna Marie Dalton	Michael R. and Mary A.
6	Robert Townsend McWilliam	Robert T. and Phyllis H.
8	Lawrence Walter Ellis	Walter H. and Gertrude E.
11	Robert Playdon Frost	Edgar L. and Heloise W.
12	Virginia Arline Connors	Leo V. and Beatrice A.
14	William Buckley Spence	Paul W. and Ruth B.
15	Arthur Allan Bayrd	Charles A. and Catherine A.
16	Edward Nelson Sprague	Harry N. and Irene E.
19	Marguerite Louise Nash	Clayton R. and Ruth S.
20	Judith Elaine Ainsworth	John T. and Mary K.
22	Victor Babel	Victor J. and Amelia R.
25	Christine Marie Hackett	William T. and Grace F.
26	Janyce Ruth Curry	Walter F. and Glenna E.
27	Jan Alan Richards	James M. and Bernice F.
27	Elaine Marie Henderson	Elmer R. and Grace C.
29	Earline Higgins	Clarence B. and Earline B.
29	Curtis Oliver Zagorski	Stephen S. and Eva M.
29	Donald Peter Dobrosielski	Eugene J. and Mildred A.
October		
1	Sandra Lobo	Stephen E. and Marilyn M.
3	Dana Austin Goodwin, Jr.	Dana A. and Beverly A.
3	Carole Jean Doucette	Paul F. and Gertrude J.
4	Roger Leslie Davis, Jr.	Roger L. and Edith C.
9	Diane Frances Knowlton	Ambrose F. and Madeline G.
10	Fred James Berry	Wendell A. and Ruth E.
10	Judith Ann Barrett	Daniel F. and Evelyn M.
12	Carter	Russell E. and Ruth T.
12	John Francis Toner	John E. and Helen M.
15	Judith Morand	Edward N. and Phyllis T.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Parent
October		
16	Donna Marilyn Parker	Donald C. and Mildred M.
16	Edward Ellis Pentz	Thomas E. and Josephine A.
18	Susan Alice Studer	Albert R. and Alice L.
19	Robert Wesley Burns, Jr.	Robert W. and Jean A.
23	Clifford Charles Hubbard	Leonard S. and Aldea R.
29	John Philip Crowley	Paul J. and Virginia R.
31	William Joseph Donegan	Maurice H. and Doris M.
November		
2	Susan Elaine Guinan	Philip R. 3rd and Rita M.
4	Elizabeth Anne Dinan	George B. and Rita A.
12	Paula Lea White	Harry E. and Nellie F.
12	Paul Frederick White	Harry E. and Nellie F.
13	Susan Elaine Harney	George A. and Rita M.
16	Alvin Eugene Blanchard	Eugene S. and Thelma L.
17	Frederick Charles Freitas	John and Clare M.
23	Thomas Lowell McAdams	Thomas F. Jr. and Nina E.
24	Karen Borg	James D. and Mary L.
29	Meuse	Edward and Elizabeth M.
December		
2	Robert Carl Trainor	Thomas J. and Ada V.
9	Frances Dorothy Corton	Edward W. and Dorothy M.
15	Joyce Verne Parsons	William C. and Claire T.
17	Leslie Ann Faulkner	James E. Jr. and Anna M.
19	James Nelson Boyd 3rd	James N. Jr. and June E.
21	Cynthia Mai Wedge	Charles S. and Alice M.
21	Evelyn Janice Lehr	George S. and Gladys G.
24	Frederick James Armstrong, Jr.	Frederick J. and Nancy C.
26	Sherole Van Horn	Earl H. and Barbara L.
29	Jacqueline Logan Frazier	John L. and Edna D.

DELAYED BIRTHS IN OTHER YEARS

1943

March

20 Judith Ann Hopkins Chester I. Jr. and Mable M.

1944

October

20 Lawrence Abbott Cate, Jr. Lawrence A. and Mary E.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING, YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
3	Robert McKinley Barclay	38	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Miriam Ardell Nichols	39	Teacher	Reading
4	Edward McQuade	56	Machinist	Melrose
	Leona Merriman Greenyer	47	At Home	Reading
14	John Thomas Rose	28	Electrical Super.	Reading
	Helen Francis Malone	18	Electrical Worker	E. Boston
14	Francis Leon Doiron	32	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Ramona Marion Fenton	27	Tel. Operator	Woburn
28	Chester Littlefield Fuller	63	Clerk	Reading
	Georgianna Powers Hilton	36	Housekeeper	Reading
February				
2	Edward Joseph Meuse	33	U. S. Army	Reading
	Marjorie Sullivan Boyce	26	Clerk	Reading
4	Richard Clinton Loring	42	U. S. Army	Reading
	Velma Frances Cobb	40	Bank Clerk	Reading
5	James Anthony Scali	47	Bricklayer	Reading
	Christine Marqueris	30	Stitcher	Lynn
6	Carl Winthrop Sias	29	U. S. Army	Reading
	Florence Williams	29	At Home	Reading
7	George V. Baker	36	Salesman	Lowell
	Irene M. Bellemare	30	At Home	Lowell
10	William Joseph Munroe	19	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Pauline Norma Farmer	19	Sales Clerk	Wilmington
25	George Stanislaus LaFave	22	Truck Driver	Reading
	Dorothy Genevieve Beauchamp	19	At Home	Reading
25	Albert Lewis Wellman, Jr.	34	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Marian Shirley	22	Nurse	So. Duxbury
March				
9	Howard Joseph Christian	21	U. S. Army	Tewksbury
	Marjorie Ruth Scanlan	22	Teacher	Reading
11	William Danahy Jaques	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Stella Gertrude Filipiak	20	Machine Operator	Chelsea
12	Howard Glen Cox	27	Dis. Army	Reading
	Evelyn Frances Rogers	23	Factory Worker	Reading
13	Edwin Brewer Low	29	Salesman	Reading
	Vyvyan Mary Lay	23	Nurse	Kenton, Ohio

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
March				
19	William Watson Stewart	31	U. S. Army	Reading
	Ruth Etta McKeown	24	Clerk	Arlington
20	Russell W. Taylor	36	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Anne T. Rutkauskas	36	Office Worker	Lynn
23	Joseph Francis Enos	28	U. S. Army	Reading
	Evelyn Effie Tolley	23	Navy Yard	Somerville
27	Guy Duane Catino	23	Leather	Wiburn
	Nancy Ruth Coward	19	Defense	Woburn
April				
1	Percy Loring Clark, Jr.	25	U. S. Navy	Middleboro
	Phyllis Harriet Hare	25	Inspector	Reading
6	Robert E. Doucette, Jr.	26	Machinist	Reading
	Mary Florence Lorgeree	25	Clerk	Reading
15	Hollis Ober Marshall	55	Mechanical Inspector	Reading
	Matilda A. Svendsen	41	Accountant	Westwood
21	Allan B. Ferry	26	U. S. Army	Alton Bay, N. H.
	Claire E. Brigham	22	At Home	Reading
21	Richard Phelps Dow	37	U. S. Army	Reading
	Mary Marble Johnson	38	Social Worker	New York, N. Y.
22	Herman Rudolph Sachse	28	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Gladys Elaine Killam	24	Unemployed	Reading
29	Walter W. Cheever	21	Store Manager	Wakefield
	Eva Ruth Bruce	19		Reading
May				
5	George Washington Hilliker	72	Project Engineer	Clifton, N. J.
	Lida Baylor White	65	At Home	St. Petersburg, Fla.
11	Gerald Robert Morris	29	U. S. Navy	W. Des Moines, Iowa
	Marguerite Virginia Lane	22	Medical Secretary	Reading
12	Francis Edward Beaudoin	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Dominica Minnie Del Rossi	23	At Home	Wakefield
12	Charles R. Jaegerman	27	U. S. Navy	Brooklyn, N. Y.
	Ruth Shirley Cress	19	None	Reading
13	Francis Leo Morgan	23	U. S. Army	Wakefield
	Evelyn Louise Greenleaf	20	Stenographer	Reading
20	William Laurence Stanford	34	U. S. Army	Reading
	Eva Charlotte Anderson	38	Office Clerk	Brockton

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
May				
23	Donald Benjamin Graf	20	U. S. Army	Melrose
	Norma Violet Fritz	22	At Home	Reading
24	Raymond John Sears	18	U. S. Army	Reading
	Eleanor Mae Watt	18	Machine Operator	Reading
25	Robert Van Graver	41	Chef	Boyertown, Pa.
	Marietta Ferreira	41	Restaurant Op.	Boyertown, Pa.
26	William Reginald Billings	35	Machinist	E. Weymouth
	Virginia Edith (Ilsley) Gardner	25	Machine Operator	Reading
26	Philip Keniston Parker	29	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Diane Maxine Pierce	20	Secretary	Bath, Me.
June				
2	Charles Sedgie Pigott	24	U. S. Navy	Tylertown, Miss.
	Ruth Gertrude Graupner	18	Student	Reading
3	Paul Richard Butterworth	23	Student	Winchester
	Virginia Lois Bartholomew	20	Secretary	Reading
4	George Peel Colby	24	U. S. Navy	Hillsboro, N. H.
	Betsy Cooke Foxcroft	22	Adm. Asst.	Reading
8	Charles Warren Partridge, Jr.	24	U. S. Army	Manchester, N. H.
	Frances Chandler	21	At Home	Reading
9	Charles Mackall Artz, Jr.	21	U. S. Navy	Strasburg, Va.
	Arline Weona Millar	21	At Home	Reading
10	Chester William Breuer	20	U. S. Navy	Olympia, Wash.
	Grace Irene Schofield	22	Clerk	Reading
15	Arthur Hall Chandler	24	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Virginia Dutton Willis	24	Jr. Underwriter	Amherst
17	Guy Anthony Rossi	24	Pressman's Helper	E. Boston
	Gwendolyn Leah Brown	19	At Home	Reading
17	Leon Joseph Turcotte	19	Electrician	No. Reading
	Mary Ada Thebeau	17	Salesgirl	Reading
17	Harold Edward Raynor	21	Poultry Farmer	Cayuga, N. Y.
	Laura Mary Gillis	19	Secretary	Reading
21	Leland Eugene White	20	U. S. Navy	Marion, Ohio
	Elizabeth Katherine Leonard	19	Stenographer	Reading
21	Harvey Anthony Brigham	24	Musician	Reading
	Evelyn May Giles	27	Musician	Somerville
24	John Francis Trainor	21	Welder	Reading
	Ruth Sophronia Rogers	21	Assembler	Woburn

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
27	George Francis Fogg	48	Claim Investigator	Reading
	Edna Irene Butters	36	Mill Inspector	Reading
30	Bernard Robert Guild	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Dorothy Louise McMenamin	19	Stenographer	No. Reading
30	Richard Hardie Watson	23	U. S. Army	Lynn
	Jeanette Evelyn Davis	23	Teacher	Reading
30	Edward Campbell Homes	37	Farmer	Stoneham
	Constance Gilmore Maguire	29	At Home	Melrose
July				
7	Francis Edward Landry	33	U. S. Army	Reading
	Rena Sirena Moretti	30	Clerk Typist	Mansfield
7	Ralph Edward Melendy	23	Truck Driver	Reading
	Marjorie Sawyer Jacques	18	Cashier	Wakefield
8	Raymond Clayton Noone	29	U. S. Army	Reading
	Catherine Frances Gori	29	Clerk	Medford
12	William James Hole	20	U. S. Marines	Reading
	Beulah Elizabeth Ellis	21	Secretary	Reading
14	Robert Eugene Holden	24	Shipper	Reading
	Elsie Katherine Crawford	26	Waitress	Reading
15	Arthur Leo McLaughlin, Jr.	23	U. S. Army	Revere
	Edith Leonara D'Orlando	22	Defense Worker	Reading
22	James Bain, Jr.	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Ethel Mary Chapman	19	Clerk	No. Reading
23	John William Sullivan	24	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Margaret Loretta Jones	19	Clerk	Reading
26	Orrick Charles Hewey	25	U. S. Army	Skowhegan, Me.
	Esther Ruth Smart	23	Nurse	Reading
30	John Alexander Caires	23	U. S. N. R.	Cambridge
	Constance Stephens Ham	20	Insurance	Reading
August				
3	Malcolm Seigfrid Bredbury	34	Leather Worker	Reading
	Evelie Lois Irving	35	Supervisor	Reading
4	Richard Louis Doucette	20	U. S. Army	Reading
	Viva Nelle Harris	20	Sales Girl	Medford
5	Donald Edward Bleeke	28	U.S. Coast Guard Fort Wayne, Ind.	
	Evelyn Marie Comey	21	Teacher	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
August				
6	Thomas Francis Cassidy, Jr.	29	U. S. Army	Winchester
	Amy Lillian Watson	25	Inspector	Reading
7	George K. Apalakias	57	Railroad Worker	Reading
	Athina Michaelides Doucette	48	Housewife	Reading
11	Norman Sears Cook	24	U. S. Army	Billerica
	Barbara Louise Jones	21	Secretary	Reading
11	Frederick Monroe Bulliner	21	U. S. Navy	Herrin, Ill.
	Joanne Cobb	21	Airline Hostess	Reading
12	Carl Walker Pinkham, Jr.	23	Engineer	Reading
	Alice Gertrude Gill	22	Secretary	Reading
12	James Morrow Webber	29	U. S. Navy	Gloucester
	Justina Lauretta Elwell	30	Bookkeeper	Reading
13	Benjamin Lilburn Coates	19	Merchant Marine	Malden
	Ida May Hardy	20	Waitress	Reading
18	Edward Delos McIntire	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Florence Elaine Selfridge	24	At Home	Reading
25	Newton Gay Pendleton	40	Engineer	Reading
	Carolyn Nelson Ham	34	Wave, U. S. Navy	Staunton, Va.
25	William Eugene Bloom	29	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Jeanne Frances Motyer	25	Shoemaker	Stoneham
25	Lawrence C. Watson	27	Machinist	Reading
	Rosemary Katherine Golden	26	At Home	Wakefield
25	Edward Wilfred Smith	24	U. S. Army	Wakefield
	Dorothea Hazel Rydeard	23	At Home	Reading
26	Richard Francis White	20	Chauffeur	Reading
	Lillian May Holt	17	Student	Wakefield
26	Adrian Richard White	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Charlotte Ann Doucette	20	Defense Worker	Reading
28	Frederick Francis Dacey, Jr.	26	Repairman	Reading
	Helen Louise Cutter	26	Nurse	No. Wilmington
September				
2	John Anthony Antonowicz	33	U. S. Army	Boston
	Muriel Frances Evans	21	Stenographer	Reading
6	Thomas Amos Lacey	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Eloise Blanche Nichols	20	At Home	Reading
8	Thurston Carl Englund	29	U. S. Army	Reading
	Alice Marjorie Pratt	28	Stenographer	Reading
13	Raymond A. Lawler	20	Attendant	Tewksbury
	Shirley J. Hatch	20	Clerk	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
15	Oscar Joseph Lawrence	25	Truck Helper	Reading
	Catherine Elizabeth Overton	22	At Home	Melrose
15	Arthur W. Bancroft, Jr.	19	U. S. N. R.	Reading
	Ruth C. Geddes	17	Welder	Burlington
15	William Owen Hughes	45	Cable Splicer	Roslindale
	Virginia Frances Poore	40	Receptionist	Reading
16	William Fredrick Roberts	23	Dis. U. S. Army	Reading
	Barbara Evelyn Williams	19	Secretary	Reading
16	John Chandler Whitcomb	29	Dis. U. S. Army	Boxboro
	Helen Endicott Wallace	27	At Home	Reading
27	William Harron, Jr.	33	U. S. Army	Woburn
	Lois Anne Weigmann	31	Cashier	Reading
30	Richard Joseph Robbins	21	U. S. Army	Reading
	Elsie Laura Melonson	19	Bookkeeper	Wakefield
October				
6	Robert Carter Scott	33	Treasurer	Reading
	Marjorie Danforth Rice	29	At Home	Winchester
7	Joseph Carl Schimpfke, Sr.	73	Farmer	Reading
	Verena Meier Olson	65	Housewife	Elmwood, Neb.
11	James Brunswick Cail	46	Wire Mfg.	Reading
	Marion Bryson	27	Clerk	Lawrence
12	Herbert Joseph Duquette	26	Stone Polisher	Northfield, Vt.
	Mary Isabelle Peters	30	Clerk	Reading
14	Alfred Joseph Felici	31	U. S. Navy	Los Angeles, Calif.
	Olga Josephine Schuh	29	Secretary	Reading
14	Joseph Gomes Enos	54	Chauffeur	Reading
	Mary Elizabeth Jordan	45	Navy Yard Worker	Somerville
16	Barnet Kaplan	33	Shoe Worker	Chelsea
	Sadie Dorothy Riseman	33	At Home	Reading
20	John Hunting Leeds	23	Medical Inst. Mfg.	Reading
	Barbara Elizabeth Bulwinkle	24	Stenographer	Weston
21	Frederick William Graupner	34	Bus Operator	Reading
	Jane Hurley	22	Teacher	Wakefield
21	Robert Alpheus Tilton	14	Dis. U. S. Army	Reading
	Dorothy Eleanor Foster	23	Bookkeeper	Reading
21	William Henry Goodman, Jr.	23	U. S. Navy	New Boston, Ohio
	Dorothy Mae Racine	22	Secretary	Reading
29	Stuart Rockwood Nichols	26	Auto. Mechanic	Reading
	Gerrtude Marion Precourt	26	Lab. Technician	Wakefield

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
November				
1	Douglas George Peltz	28	Dis. U. S. Navy	Lakewood, Ohio
	Audrey Lucille Smith	23	At Home	Old Orchard, Maine
2	Charles Merle Glass	27	Sheet Metal Worker	Billerica
	Mary Francis Dulong	20	At Home	Reading
4	Robert Francis Nichols	28	Clerk	Reading
	Eleanor Elizabeth Hayes	23	Machine Operator	Newtonville
6	Lionel St. Clair	41	Engineer	Malden
	Eunice E. R. Poirier	35	At Home	Reading
9	Robert Pierce Eisenhaure	21	U. S. Army	No. Reading
	Frances Elenor Redmond	19	At Home	Reading
10	Ralph Eugene Herrick, Jr.	21	U. S. Navy	No. Reading
	Nancy Harding White	20	Secretary	Reading
10	Raymond Edgar Thorn	26	Engineer	Reading
	Arlene Thompson Dodge	24	Bookkeeper	Reading
20	Richard Gordon Millar	20	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Jeanne Teresa McMahon	17	At Home	Reading
20	Fred Freeman Smith	65	Hardware	Reading
	Mavis L. B. Williams	28	At Home	Reading
21	Gardner George Gill	51	Shoe Finding Business	Reading
	Marie Genevieve McKinney	47	At Home	Watertown
22	Frank Bartlett Hardy	22	Apprentice Plumber	Reading
	Ruth Virginia Barrett	18	Typist	Reading
22	Arthur Gilman	32	Cleanser	Salem
	Alice I. Lemieux	29	At Home	No. Reading
22	David Francis Guild	18	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Violet Louise Frye	19	Cadet Nurse	Reading
23	Sidney H. Wilkins	33	Chauffeur	Reading
	Jeannette Ouellette	22	Millworker	Lewiston, Maine
24	Kenneth Raymond Turner	27	Shipper	Reading
	Janice Katherine Grover	20	Spot Welder	Reading
25	Newton Benedict Dickie	22	U. S. Navy	Reading
	Helen Marion Boulter	22	At Home	New Boston, N. H.
25	Alfred John Francis	24	U. S. Army	Dorchester
	Ruth Margaret Kelleher	23	Office Worker	Reading
28	Walter J. Reilly	34	U. S. Marines	No. Reading
	Helen Powell	27	Nurse	No. Reading
29	Lewis Palfray Bosson	21	U. S. Coast Guard	Reading
	Doris Helen Bain	18	Typist	Reading
29	Herbert Noble, Jr.	41	Lawyer	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.
	Helene O. Edmonds Noble	39	At Home	New Canaan, Conn.

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
November				
30	Eugene Robert Cox	38	Retail Business	Reading
	Dorothy Bradford Coolidge	32	At Home	Reading
December				
1	Vaughn Nicholas Nelson	21	Dis. U. S. Army	Reading
	Muriel May Allen	21	At Home	Melrose
4	Malcolm James Conway	27	Foundry Worker	Wakefield
	Helen Rita Brown	26	Store Mgr.	Reading
6	Ernest George Whitlow	34	Cook	Reading
	Helen Phyllis Neary	22	Waitress	Reading
8	Arthur Andrew Roberts	35	Truck Driver	Reading
	Helen Louise Doucette	22	At Home	Reading
8	Richard Francis Dugan	24	Millworker	Reading
	Frances Gillen	27	Factory Worker	Reading
9	Warren Joseph Sullivan	18	U. S. Navy	Wakefield
	Christine Margaret Meuse	22	At Home	Reading
15	Gilbert Briggs	22	U. S. Army	Reading
	Muriel Jane Brotherton	19	Laboratory Asst.	Reading
17	Frank Robson Gray, Jr.	27	Stock Clerk	Reading
	Muriel Louise Atwood	26	Stock Clerk	Melrose
21	Joseph Clark Nyman	23	Inspector	Reading
	Helen Marie Richardson	19	At Home	Reading
22	Charles Boardman Harris	34	Trainman	Reading
	Helen Shepherd Whittet	33	School Teacher	Wakefield
22	Harbig Tsavag Garabedian	24	Machinist	Reading
	Anahid Mardigian	21	Inspector	Hyde Park
23	Paul John Buckley	26	U. S. Army	Portsmouth, N. H.
	Margaret Mary Bennett	25	Clerk	Reading
28	Charles Edward Ellis, Jr.	36	U. S. Army	Reading
	Iris May Burgess	25	Machine Operator	Lynn
28	Arthur Robert Terlizzi	31	Welder	Malden
	Virginia Marguerite Lane	18	Machine Operator	Reading
30	John Dore Fuller	75	Farming	New Boston, N. H.
	Grace Elizabeth Hughey	67	School Teacher	No. Scituate, R.I.
31	Joseph Amirault	45	Steel Worker	Malden
	Marceline Doucette	39	Seamstress	Reading

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DELAYED MARRIAGES IN OTHER YEARS

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October

21	James H. Doucette	23	Laborer	Boston
	Lourita B. Sanford	19	At Home	Lebanon, N. H.

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1944

August

27	Claude Carswell Brown	23	U. S. Navy	Jacksonville, Fla.
	Eleanor Susan Carver	30	Wave	Reading

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November

29	Frank W. Young	59	Tailor	Reading
	Florence Parker Atwood	49	School Teacher	Reading

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
1	Minna Parker	79	1	0	Arteriosclerosis
4	Michael Regan	77			Uremia
7	Ellesley Waldo Long	49	6	19	Heart Failure
9	Harriet Rich Wiley	89	8	13	Chronic Myocarditis
10	Hugh A. Ross	48	1	24	Malignant Hypertension
15	Adelaide Gammon Crowell	70	5	19	Coronary Sclerosis
15	Minnie Agnes DeWitt	73	3	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
19	James Jordan	60	7	22	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
28	John Joseph Silva	71			Heart Failure
February					
1	Eunetia B. Kimball	75			Cerebral Hemorrhage
3	Anna Gertrude Callahan	73	10	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
7	Edith Mattson Nesmith	50	3	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage
10	Earle Noyes Colby	56	10	6	Coronary Occlusion
16	Peter Conley	56	2	8	Chronic Myocardial Disease
16	Mary Ann Stedstone	81	11	1	Aneurism of Ascending Arch
21	Elizabeth Marison Freeman	77	9	1	Chronic Nephritis
22	Mary Agnes Fleming	68	0	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
22	Minette E. Fisher	89	1	8	Senility
25	Mary D. Godding	75	9	8	Coronary Occlusion
28	Bessie G. H. Gould	71	1	14	Coronary Thrombosis
March					
1	Jeremiah Wall	82	11	9	Arteriosclerosis
4	John Riley	61	2	13	Acute Cardiac Failure
6	Helena M. Benton	73	2	17	Chronic Myocarditis
8	Lucy McDonough	85	10	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
17	Walter S. Harrington	75	5	17	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
20	Allen Parker Cole	85			Arteriosclerosis
20	William E. Thorn	87	8	16	Chronic Nephritis
21	Malcolm C. Latham			3	Erythoblastosis
22	Lyman W. Pierce	67	2	17	Coronary Disease of Heart
27	Theodore F. Surrence	73	8	1	Senility
30	Anthony Edward Corcoran	83	4	6	Cerebral Hemorrhage
April					
3	Warren E. Steinhour	81	4	11	Chronic Myocarditis
4	Walter Scott Hopkins	84	3	10	Terminal Pneumonia

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
April					
6	Oliver M. Wade	72	2	6	Pneumococcus Meningitis
6	John Carr	53	9	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
8	Laneta Proper Sears	50	10	0	Carcinoma of Breast
9	Agnes Campbell Nelson	69	5	9	Carcinoma of Aesophagus
12	Arthur D. Pennycuick	74			Hypertensive Heart Disease
14	Bessie Roper Conant	69	2	2	Myocarditis
17	Herbert Winship Carnes	87	1	7	Carcinoma
19	Elmer Baxter Stratton	42	3	14	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Gustav Marheineke	76	10	20	Carcinoma
22	Charles L. Cummings	44	11	1	Uremia
24	Minnie M. McLeod	76	2	9	Senility
25	Thomas H. Day	68	4	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Joseph Crosby	84	6	20	Terminal Broncho Pneumonia
26	Auguste Marheineke	74			Chronic Myocarditis
May					
1	James Scott Parker	65	11	5	Coronary Heart Disease
1	Annie G. Sanborn	67	5	20	Hypostatic Pneumonia
3	Henry Allison Harvey	71	6	16	Cerebral Hemorrhage
3	William Henry Morrison, Sr.	76			Cardiac Decomposition
6	Leonard S. McClintock	62	0	15	Carcinoma of Lung
13	James Crosby Ramsey	71	3	0	Coronary Occlusion
16	Gertrude L. Bradish	53			Broncho Pneumonia
21	Charles W. Evans	80	2	28	Carcinoma of Sigmoid Colon
22	Clarence W. Dyer	63	2	19	Carcinoma of Liver
25	Nellie E. Towle	78	11	26	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
25	Walter Giles	76	8	16	Carcinoma of Liver
29	Edward Stanley Frotten	26		15	Transverse Myelitis
29	Ruel Leon Whitchurch	59	3	29	Acute Purulent Peritonitis
30	Adda Belle Sleight	84	2	14	Cardiac Failure
30	Cecelia I. Chapman	53			Carcinoma of Stomach
30	Mabel Augusta Stanyan	81	4	17	Cerebral Thrombosis
June					
1	Abbie E. Gullam	80	5	1	Carcinoma of Bowel

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
June					
2	William Henry Mellen	74	10	16	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
6	James Scanlon	76			Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
7	Edouard Jean Morand	69	2	9	Cardiac Infarction
8	Charles Clark Veasey	65	5	20	Carcinoma of Bowel
11	Ira Gadbois	84	3	3	Coronary Thrombosis
18	Paula Joyce Shannon			14	Embolism
22	Edith Caroline Nicholson	41	2	19	Right Cerebellar Tumor
23	Edmund F. Drew	56	1	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
25	Mary Catherine Bowers	85	7		Hypostatic Congestion
28	Julie Etta Jones	84	1	4	Myocarditis
July					
4	Edward F. Kershaw	82	10	20	General Arteriosclerosis
4	Margaret Burnes Clinch	52	2	20	Cerebral Hemorrhage
5	Mary Carr	53	0	29	Heart Failure
12	Ada Elizabeth Dow	67	8	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
12	Joseph Lodi	80	3	2	Hypostatic Pneumonia
18	Nancy R. Wallace	56	7	17	Cerebral Thrombosis
19	Esther Farrell Ray	51	4	5	Carcinoma of Colon
21	Arthur B. Estabrook	72			Bilateral Broncho Pneumonia
22	Bessie M. Hodgdon	75	0	28	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
27	Hamlet Richardson Bancroft	63	4	6	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	William Stewart	71	7	4	Acute Myocardial Infarction
August					
2	Roger Potter	40	11	20	Poleomyelitis
4	Martin Samuel Smith	55	7	1	Adenocarcinoma
8	Sarah H. Keyes	79	7	17	Coronary Thrombosis
9	William Hawes Gay	60	8	14	Carcinoma of Gall Bladder
14	Charlotte Maria Almborg	79	2	3	Arterio Sclerotic Gangrene
14	Fannie E. King	78			Acute Dilatation of Heart
15	Clara Meade	76			Cerebral Hemorrhage
15	Arthur Richards	72	8	20	Post Operative Shock
19	Hattie P. Dyer	70	0	24	Angina Pectoris
19	Kathleen A. Devaney	51	4	8	Coronary Thrombosis

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
August					
22	Lillian May Knight	73	2	20	Cardiac Infarction
26	Lizzie J. Cooper	77	10	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	Jessie Ann Fowle	83	8	15	General Arteriosclerosis
31	George E. Gadbois	50	1	22	Generalized Peritonitis
September					
1	Susan Sheehan	78	6	21	Arteriosclerosis
4	Catherine Goff	80	4	21	Bronchial Pneumonia
5	John A. Ramsay	54	11	30	Ruptured Esophageal Varices
11	Marie A. Rose	38	9	2	Carcinoma of Colon
11	Fred H. Sargent	75	6	24	Coronary Thrombosis
18	Anna Caroline Lumsden	85			Carcinomatosis
18	James Henry Lawler	50	9	18	Heart Failure
19	Lester Sweet Riley	72	0	18	Coronary Heart Disease
19	Sarah Elizabeth Pope	79	3	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
22	Achsah Louise Johnson	73	0	16	Chronic Myocarditis
29	Mabel Francis Parks	79	3	5	Hypernephroma of Right Kidney
October					
1	Thomas Edward Lee	64	1	4	Heart Failure
3	Washington Woodruff	95	7	24	Hypertension
9	Roy E. Carter	65	1	28	Intestinal Obstruction
10	Frederick Gustave Weigmann	67	3	23	Terminal Broncho Pneumonia
12	Carter			2 hrs.	Atelectasis
13	Josephine G. Kenney	69	3	19	Valvular Heart Disease
15	Mary E. King	74	2	24	Arteriosclerosis
16	Robert B. Mount, Sr.	62	0	10	Congestive Heart Failure
20	William H. Richardson	88	8	13	Carcinoma
21	Jane McCrea	87	2	4	Coronary Thrombosis
22	Charles Lee Sleight	89	6	18	Cardiac Failure
25	Egbert S. Brander	62			Pulmonary Edema
26	Susan Elizabeth Horton	93	6	22	General Arteriosclerosis
28	Reuben William Horton	81	4	27	Coronary Thrombosis
29	Anna Taylor	62	11	18	Pulmonary Thrombosis
November					
10	Maria L. Winchester	84	3	20	Flame Burns — Accident
19	John J. Flanagan	12	8	12	Lobar Pneumonia

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1945

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
November					
20	Irving A. Sargent	63	10	6	Accident
21	Angelina Arsenault	85	6		Intestinal Obstruction
23	Jennie N. Rollins	68	2	5	Carcinoma of Uterus
26	Mary Rice Raley	69	1	2	Valvular Heart Disease
28	Thomas George Davis		3	5	Broncho Pneumonia
30	Frank Monroe March	72	1	27	Heart Failure
30	Mary Alice McEvoy	84	6	3	Heart Failure
December					
4	Anna M. Hall	49	6	27	Heart Failure
5	Lawrence B. Lewis	85	9	0	Chronic Nephritis
9	Catherine Timlin	47	11	2	Carcinoma
14	Myra Knight Parker	66	4	4	Cerebral Hemorrhage
16	Robert F. Sellars	68	6	12	Broncho Pneumonia
17	Nelson Roper Whithed	50	2	29	Accident
17	Alice R. Moses	82	9	27	Arteriosclerosis
21	Emma Dorothea Wright	78	2	4	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
24	Grace Chase	71	11	4	Cardiac Failure
27	Harry A. Moore	65	3	27	Heart Failure

DEATHS DELAYED IN OTHER YEARS

1941

April

8	Laila M. Fowler	70	2	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK ON FEES PAID TO THE TOWN

Birth Certificates	\$ 42.00
Death Certificates	48.00
Voters Certificates	2.75
Marriage Licenses and Certificates	299.50
Mortgages and Discharges	213.93
Postage .....	.45
Pole Locations	45.80
Dog Licenses and Transfers	2.00
Certificates of Business	9.00
Duplicate Dog Tags .....	.30
Gasoline Permits	20.50
Certificates of Residence .....	.50
Married Women's Certificates	1.50
Bill of Sale	2.00
Permit to sell Christmas Trees	5.00
Certificate of Chiropody25
Certificate of Medicine25
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	\$ 693.73

Total

Miscellaneous	\$ 693.73
Dog Fees	161.80
Fish and Game	105.00
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	\$ 960.53

Total Turned in to Treasurer

Miscellaneous	\$ 693.73
Dog Fees	1,949.00
Fish and Game	949.25
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	\$ 3,591.98

Dogs

2 Kennels at \$25.00	\$ 50.00
1 Kennel at \$50.00	50.00
3 Kennels at \$10.00	30.00
429 Male Dogs at \$2.00	858.00
303 Spayed Female Dogs at \$2.00	606.00
71 Female Dogs at \$5.00	355.00
104 Military and Naval Licenses	000.00
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	\$ 1,949.00
County	1,787.20
Town	161.80
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	\$ 1,949.00

Fish and Game

139 Fishing Licenses at \$2.00	\$ 278.00
147 Hunting Licenses at \$2.00	294.00
81 Sporting Licenses at \$3.25	263.25
41 Women's and Minors Licenses at \$1.25	51.25
1 Minor Trapping License at \$2.25	2.25
9 Trapping Licenses at \$5.25	47.25
1 Non Resident Hunting License at \$10.25	10.25
21 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Licenses	0.00
58 Military and Naval Licenses	0.00
1 Non Resident 3-day Fishing License at \$1.50	1.50
1 Resident City Old Age Fishing License	0.00
3 Duplicate Licenses at \$.50	1.50
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	\$ 949.25
State	844.25
Town	105.00
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	\$ 949.25

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The annual report of the Board of Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1945 is hereby submitted:

At an adjourned meeting held March 5th the Board organized as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman
Herbert K. Miller, Secretary
Charles E. Wilkinson
Leon G. Bent, Clerk

The custom of holding regular meetings Monday evenings has been followed with extra meetings when necessary. We have followed the procedure of publishing the doings of the Board in the Reading Chronicle.

Reports of the various Town Departments under the jurisdiction of your Board of Selectmen appear on other pages of this report. We, therefore, will report only the highlights of the Board's activities for 1945:

Board called a special meeting for the purpose of issuing a Proclamation in recognition of the death of the President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Flags on all public buildings were ordered to be flown at half-staff for a period of thirty days.

Board issued a Proclamation on the official declaration that our German enemy had unconditionally surrendered to the United States, Great Britain and Russia and proclaimed Tuesday, May 8, 1945 a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer. Thanksgiving, that the carnage in the European area has ceased and Prayer, for the speedy and victorious cessation of hostilities in the Pacific area.

Board wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the heads of all the departments of Civilian defense and to all citizens who gave of their time and services during the war years.

Board was notified from the Office of Price Administration advising that the Reading War Price and Rationing Board would be closed on October 1, 1945. Letters of appreciation and thanks were sent to all members who had served in the past and who were serving at present on the various panels, for their loyal services.

On October 28, 1945, Jeremiah Cullinane, Chief of Police was retired on pension. Chief Cullinane rendered more than twenty-five years of faithful service to the department and retired with the best wishes of the citizens.

Your Board is aware of the increasing traffic and parking problem. As a means to improve the situation they have been working on a Municipal Parking Area which will be presented at the annual Town Meeting of 1946.

Your Board has attended all the Memorial Services for those of our boys who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

A "Welcome Home" banner was hung over Main Street as a greeting to all those returning home from the services.

These are but a few of the many highlights of our year. The co-operation of our departments and those who make up these departments, has been excellent. The friendly helpful efforts of our fellow town officers and their Boards and the Reading Chronicle, has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT K. MILLER,
Secretary Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

At its first meeting the Board organized with George B. Pease as chairman and A. Lloyd David as secretary, Walter D. Berry and Philip R. White have continued as the representatives of the Board on the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee and Mr. Pease likewise on the Post-War Planning Committee.

With but a few exceptions the Board has held regular weekly meetings. The Board has been represented at all hearings of the Board of Appeals. It held a public hearing on a petition relative to a proposed rezoning of an area on South Main Street for industrial use and a report to the town recommended that the zoning bylaws be not so amended.

Studies have been continued on the proposed construction of Route 28 by-pass of Reading and Stoneham Squares and of the extension of Route 128 known as the circumferential highway and contact maintained with the State project engineers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. PEASE
A. LLOYD DAVID
WALTER D. BERRY
WINTHROP D. PARKER
PHILIP R. WHITE

LAUREL HILL AND FOREST GLEN CEMETERIES REPORT FOR 1945

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees,
Town of Reading, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my eighteenth annual report of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries ending December 31, 1945.

Aside from the regular maintenance and upkeep of the Cemeteries, 4425 cubic yards of avenues were resurfaced in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Bow, Elm and part of Laurel, Locust and Oak Avenues had a penetration of asphalt with a covering of pea stone.

There were seventy-two interments in Laurel Hill during the year. Seventy-five sunken graves were repaired, seventeen winter graves were graded and seeded, two lots were reloamed and seeded and eight lots had miscellaneous repairs. Eight monument and thirty-six marker foundations were built.

The Perpetual Care Fund inceases each year. Lot owners like to be relieved of the responsibility of the care of their cemetery lots and more are placing them under perpetual care. This year twenty-five old lots and three single graves were placed under perpetual care in Laurel Hill Cemetery and three lots had additional amounts placed on them. Two eight grave lots, seven single graves and three baby graves were sold this year and two single graves were used by the Welfare Department. There are four lots remaining in Laurel Hill to be sold; three five grave lots and one six grave lot in desirable locations.

During the night of May 12th thirty-five monuments and headstones were overturned, presumably by boys of teen age; four marble monuments were badly broken and were repaired by a monument firm and all were reset by five men, three from the monument dealer and two men from the Cemetery Department. This vandalism cost the Town considerable to repair and reset the stones. The Selectmen offered \$100.00 reward for the apprehension of the culprits, and if caught will be dealt with severely, as it is a serious offense to destroy Cemetery property.

There were thirty-five interments in Forest Glen Cemetery this year. One sunken grave was repaired, twelve monument and five marker foundations built and nine winter graves reloamed and seeded. The sale of lots in Forest Glen increases each year. Twenty-nine lots were sold this year; fifteen two grave lots, three three grave lots, eight four grave lots, two six grave lots and one eight grave lot.

As it is a rule now that all interments must have cement crypts or vaults, thirty-two crypts and sixty-five cement vaults were placed in

graves this year, thus eliminating approximately three hundred sunken graves to repair in future years, as graves usually sink three times when wooden boxes are used.

I recommend resurfacing Walnut, Cypress and part of Locust Avenues in Laurel Hill Cemetery which were not completed this year, and the Avenues in Forest Glen Cemetery, with a penetration of asphalt and a covering of pea stone. This will insure their preservation for several years.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. PIERPONT,
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1945

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Cemetery Trustees submit their annual report as follows:

The Board organized for the year by electing Clarence C. White as chairman and Fred L. Nutter as secretary. William P. Pierpont was re-appointed superintendent.

The appropriation for the year was \$11,500.00 for maintenance of Laurel Hill and Forest Glen Cemeteries. \$1,000.00 was transferred from the Cemetery Reserve Fund to assist in carrying on the work of the department. The maintenance of the cemeteries has been carefully supervised by the trustees, with a view to keeping within these appropriations.

The report of the superintendent, approved by the trustees and appended hereto, covers fully the work carried on during the year. The trustees feel that the excellent condition of both cemeteries is due to the efficient management of the superintendent and the loyalty and faithfulness of his assistants.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE C. WHITE, Chairman
FRED L. NUTTER, Secretary
FRANK LEE EDGERLEY
JAMES W. FAIRCHILD
HARRY C. BARR
EDOUARD N. DUBE
Board of Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' and SAILORS' GRAVES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading.

I respectfully submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945 as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' graves for the Town of Reading.

Six Veteran graves were repaired in Laurel Hill Cemetery and the Veteran Plot in Forest Glen Cemetery was taken care of during 1945, besides the usual care of all Veteran graves.

Appropriation	\$600.00
Pay Roll	\$476.00
Repairs on Veteran Graves	24.00
Care of Veteran Plot in Forest Glen Cemetery	100.00
	\$600.00 \$600.00

There were eight World War I Veterans, two World War II Veterans and one Spanish War Veteran interred during the year 1945 as follows:

Spanish War

Jesse A. Haley 67 years. Lot G, Old Cemetery, Laurel Hill, died May 2, 1945, buried May 4, 1945.

World War I

Maurice C. Proctor, 53 years. Lot No. 402, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Dec. 28, 1944, buried Jan. 2, 1945.

Edwin J. Cline, 51 years. Lot No. 215, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Mar. 19, 1945, buried Mar. 21, 1945.

Walter Giles, 76 years. Grave No. 52, Vet. Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died May 25, 1945, buried May 28, 1945.

Martin S. Smith, 55 years. Grave No. 69, Vet. Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Aug. 4, 1945, buried Aug. 8, 1945.

George E. Gadbois, 50 years. Grave No. 64, Vet. Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Aug. 31, 1945, buried Sept. 3, 1945.

John S. Quigley, 70 years. Grave No. 20, Vet. Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Sept. 3, 1945, buried Sept. 6, 1945.

John A. Ramsay, 54 years. Lot No. 1172, Laurel Hill Cemetery, died Sept. 8, 1945, buried Sept. 10, 1945.

Nelson R. Whithed, 50 years. Lot No. 64A, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Dec. 17, 1945, buried Dec. 20, 1945.

World War II

James A. Richmond, 28 years. Lot No. 699, Forest Glen Cemetery, died June 12, 1945, buried June 16, 1945.

Martin G. Gynthersen, 37 years. Grave No. 30, Vet. Plot, Forest Glen Cemetery, died Oct. 8, 1945, buried Oct. 11, 1945.

Respectfully,

HARRY A. TURNER,
Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves
Town of Reading.

REPORT OF VETERANS' BENEFIT AGENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

Your Soldiers' Relief Agent respectfully submits his annual report.

While the financial expenditures have been less this year, the work of the department of Veterans' Benefits has been the heaviest of any year of my incumbency. Employment conditions have been good, and there has been increased Federal assistance, however, with the termination of the war, what the coming year will bring is only a guess. What is certain, there is an increased potential entitlement to Veterans' Benefits far beyond what there ever has been. Much depends on the attitude of the Federal Government. The transferring of recording discharges of veterans, from the Town Clerk to this department, together with the consciousness of the value of recording them, has added to our work. (Chapter 374 General Laws)

We wish to thank the personnel of the office of the Town Accountant, the Assessors and Town Clerk for their helpful assistance in serving returning veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH,
Agent.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

for the year ended

December 31, 1945

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Henry R. Johnson, Chairman
Louis Ellenwood, Secretary
Herbert G. Evans

Term expires 1947
Term expires 1946
Term expires 1948

Manager

Arthur G. Sias

Office

25 Haven Street, Reading, Mass.

MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board
Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in submitting, herewith, for your consideration, my report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ended December 31, 1945.

This is the fifty-first annual report since the plant was put in operation and the thirty-seventh report which I have been privileged to submit.

The maximum station load during the year was 4,925 kilowatts and occurred on December 27. This is an increase of 26.8 per cent over 1944.

The maximum daily output in kilowatt hours was 54,740, on December 19, an increase of 10.76 per cent over the previous year.

The average annual power factor was 88.7 per cent.

We purchased 14,782,034 kilowatt hours at an average cost of 1.2196 cents per kilowatt hour.

The increase of kilowatt hours purchased was 9.5 per cent, and the cost per kilowatt hour slightly less as compared with the previous year.

The increase in kilowatt hours sold was 796,601, the residence consumption showing a 10.4 per cent increase, and commercial consumption 17.9 per cent.

The kilowatt hours sold per residence meter were 1327, an increase of 8.86 per cent over 1944.

Revenue from sale of current was \$437,089.69 and from other sources \$665.43, a total of \$437,755.12.

Operating expenses including taxes, interest and other expenses, were \$363,142.55 leaving a credit balance to Profit and Loss of \$74,612.57.

Bonds and Notes amounting to \$20,000 have been retired during the year, and \$50,000.00 was transferred to the general funds of the Town, making the total amount so transferred \$362,800.00.

The Profit and Loss surplus is \$221,415.39, an increase of \$4,612.57 for the year.

Operating cash received during the year totalled \$462,354.57 and expenditures for operating accounts, including bond and note payments, interest and depreciation amounts to \$403,788.80, leaving a cash balance of \$58,555.77.

In accordance with the vote of the Town \$50,000.00 was transferred to the general funds of the Town, and the balance of \$8,555.77 has been transferred to the Construction Fund of the Plant to be used for additions and extensions.

The sum of \$38,664.38, representing three per cent of the cost of the plant on December 31, 1944, has been transferred from the Operation Fund to the Depreciation Fund in accordance with statutory requirements.

Current Assets at the close of the year amounted to \$283,087.19 and Current Liabilities \$34,426.59.

The cost of additions to the plant during the year was \$14,754.53 of which \$13,038.41 was paid from the Construction Fund and \$1,716.12 from the Depreciation Fund.

Power Station

The windows and doors of the building have been repaired and painted. The interior walls are being cleaned and painted.

The two steam turbines have been taken apart for inspection and cleaning under the supervision of Mr. H. C. Wilder of 316 Haven St., Reading, Construction Engineer for the General Electric Company.

The old brick floor in the boiler room has been removed and a concrete floor laid.

The spray cooling piping over the pond East of the power station has been removed as the wood supports in the pond were rotted so badly as to be unsafe.

It will be necessary to reinstall the spray cooling piping if the 600 K. W. turbine is ever used for generating purposes.

The last time that the turbines were used for supplying service was in 1929 and it is very doubtful if it will ever be necessary for us to generate any power.

The Boston Edison Company has ample capacity for our requirements and is planning the installation of additional feeder capacity between the Woburn sub-station and the Reading line.

It will be necessary for us to install additional transformer capacity at the station during the next year in order to provide against possible breakdown of the present transformers.

We will also need an additional cable between the Stoneham line and the power station.

There is a demand at the present time for used turbine generating equipment and I recommend that the Board consider obtaining authority from the Town to dispose of all of our generating apparatus.

Distribution Lines

We have added to the distribution system during the year 34 poles, 17 transformers, and 73,722 feet of wire; 250 poles have been renewed, 216 of which were replaced by the department and 24 by the Telephone Company.

Tree trimming for line clearance has been done in Lynnfield, North Reading and Wilmington under the supervision of the tree wardens, and it is planned to continue this work in Reading during the coming year.

A considerable amount of tree wire has been used in cases where proper clearance could not be obtained by trimming.

We hope to complete the underground construction on High and Lowell Streets during the coming year if materials and labor are available.

This work was started in 1940 but was discontinued during the war period.

We have installed 76 new services during the year and the number of customers taking service on December 31 was 7,126, a gain of 198 during the year.

Street Lighting

There have been 20 additional street lights installed during the year as follows: Reading 13, Wilmington 6, and Lynnfield Center 1.

In accordance with instructions from the Board, improvements in street illumination are being carried out by substituting 1000 candle-power lamps for the 600 candle-power in the business district, and 100 candle-power in place of 60 candle-power in the residential areas.

These substitutions are being made by the patrolmen when replacing burned-out lamps.

On many of the residential streets the lamps are partially hidden by the trees and this condition is being remedied by replacing the short lamp brackets with longer mast arms.

There were 1030 lamps installed on the public streets in Reading as of December 31, 1945.

The kilowatt hours sent out on the street light circuits were 482,952 and the appropriation from the tax levy for street lighting was \$15,000.00.

Meter Department

During the year we purchased 110 new meters and abandoned 24 old style meters, including several which were damaged beyond repair.

The practice of installing outdoor meters has been curtailed somewhat on account of shortage of materials. Ninety outdoor meters have been installed during the year, which brings the total number to 3828, which is more than one-half of all meters connected.

Following is the record of tests and repairs:

Request tests	171
Periodic tests	217
Laboratory tests	324
Major repairs	181
Miscellaneous repairs	401

Automotive Equipment

The 1936 Ford line truck is in poor condition and is to be replaced with a new truck as soon as it is possible to obtain it.

The 1936 Chevrolet Coupe should be replaced as soon as a new one is available.

The 1939 Plymouth Coupe also should be replaced with a new car.

Repairs on these older cars have been kept up during the war years, but are now excessive.

Summary of Automobile Expense for the Year 1945

Miles Travelled	100,745
Gasoline — 9462 gals.	\$ 1,224.77
Oil — 318 qts.	\$ 48.08
Anti-Freeze — 84 qts.	\$ 36.10
Material	\$ 1,217.94
Labor	\$ 2,418.13
Insurance	\$ 645.29
Depreciation	\$ 409.98
Total Expense	\$ 6,000.29

Average Cost per mile 5.95c

Lamp and Appliance Department

The dollar volume of appliance sales, including jobbing and repair service was \$22,332.89.

Among the items sold were 26 room-heaters, 223 Christmas lighting sets, 110 flat irons, 36 heating pads, 47 hot-plates, 11 refrigerators, 138 portable lamps, 20 ranges, 96 clocks, 8 toasters, 6 washing machines and 30 water heaters.

The estimated annual usage of the appliances sold will result in the sale of 131,494 kilowatt hours and an annual revenue @ 3½ cents per kilowatt hour of about \$4,600.00.

The net expense in the operation of the department was \$2,676.34.

For the past 13 years this department has been under the supervision of Mr. Robert C. Snow, whose passing we all regret. Under his guidance the annual volume of appliance sales was steadily increased and he was always ready to render personal service whenever needed.

Employees Who Served in the Armed Forces During the War

John J. McLellan	Lineman	Army
Merrill P. Reed	Service Man	Army
Alexander Williamson	Meter Reader	Army
Alfred J. Burbine	Meter Reader	Navy
Anthony J. Tine	Stock Clerk	Coast Guard
Ralph F. Conti	Salesman	Navy

All of these employees, with the exception of Anthony Tine were discharged from the service during the year and returned to the department.

At the time of writing this report, Mr. Tine has also received his discharge, and has returned to his former position.

Two employees were retired during the year for disability, under the Veteran's Retirement Act.

John J. McLellan, lineman, a veteran of World War I and also World War II.

Roland E. Beauchamp, groundman, a veteran of World War I.

Both were retired at half pay and are carried on our payroll as pensioned employees under the provisions of the above act.

List of Employees of the Department, December 31, 1945 With Title and Length of Service

Name	Title	Years of Service
Management:		
A. G. Sias, Manager		36 yrs. 6 mos.
C. L. Thomas (Vet.) Asst. Manager		26 yrs.
Office:		
R. G. Babcock, Office Manager		18
L. C. Whittredge, Bookkeeper, Reports		18
A. G. Freeman, Cashier		3
M. Dulong, a/c Rec. Ledger, Asst. Cashier		5
H. Sargent, Billing Machine Operator		5
M. Ainsworth, Asst. Billing Machine Operator		½
D. Doucette, Order Clerk and Cust. Apps.		18
J. Underhill, Asst. Cashier		5½
D. Teakles, Stenographer and Phone Oper.		—
Wm. O'Donnell (Vet.) Collector		½
A. Williamson (Vet.) Meter Reader		5½
W. Stanford (Vet.) Meter Reader		¼

W. Gaw (Vet.) Meter Reader	1/2
J. McMahon, Collector—Wilmington	15
C. Hubbard, Collector—Wilmington	3
Appliance Sales and Service:	
C. E. Tasney (Vet.) Sales Manager	22 1/2
R. Conti (Vet.) Salesman	6
A. Tine (Vet.) Merchandise Stockkeeper	2 1/2
E. O. Herrick, Service Manager	28
R. P. Smith, Serviceman	3 1/4
S. L. Bertwell, Serviceman	16
Meter Testing:	
H. L. Gianascol, Meter Supt.	16
C. Downs, Meter Test. Assistant	9
Janitor:	
H. R. Metcalf, Janitor	17 1/2
Power Station:	
P. R. Nichols, Electrical Engineer	10 1/2
H. J. Odell, Substation Operator	11 1/2
E. C. Whittredge, Substation Operator	15 1/2
G. H. Stimpson, Substation Operator	9 1/2
J. M. Maxwell, Substation Operator	6
T. S. Widell (Vet.) Substation Operator	1
Patrol and Meter Setting:	
P. S. Killam (Vet.) Patrolman and Meter Setter....	17
H. P. Hemeon (Vet.) Patrolman and Meter Setter.	15 1/2
M. S. Bredbury (Vet.) Patrolman and Meter Setter	1/4
Distribution:	
A. R. Langiell, Supt. of Distribution	28
J. W. Hogan, Line Foreman	20
G. W. MacPherson, Line Foreman	23
C. J. Gibson, Line Foreman	17
J. F. Keefe, Lineman	20
A. J. Doucette, Lineman	19
C. R. Crowell, Lineman	18
D. W. Arnett, Lineman	1
L. B. MacDonald, Cable Splicer and Lineman	8
H. M. Flater, Chauffeur and Winch Operator	9 1/2
F. H. Gifford, Mechanic and Groundman	13
J. Tine, Groundman and Winch Operator	10
A. J. Burbine (Vet.) Groundman	4
R. J. Francis (Vet.) Groundman	1/2
S. Provenzano (Vet.) Groundman	1/4
J. W. Sias, Line Foreman	38 1/2

Stockroom and Garage:

G. L. Hayes, Stockman and Janitor	27½
H. R. Collins, Stockman and Janitor	½
R. E. Carter, Garage Mechanic	3½

Pensioned:

J. J. McLellan, War Veteran—Retired
R. Beauchamp, War Veteran—Retired

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the advice and support of the members of the Municipal Light Board, and for the loyal cooperation of the employees, all of which has made possible the successful operation of the plant and the excellent service rendered to the customers whom we serve.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws, I submit herewith my estimate of the income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1946.

ESTIMATE FOR 1946

Income

From Private Consumers		\$462,139.12
From Tax Levy:		
For Street Lights	\$ 15,000.00	
For Municipal Dept's.	5,239.84	20,239.84
From Miscellaneous Income		500.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$482,878.96

Expense

For Operations, Maintenance and Repair	\$366,398.67
For Interest on Bonds and Notes	1,192.50
For Depreciation at 3% on \$1,302,626.63	39,078.80
For Bond Payments	2,000.00
For Note Payments	16,000.00
For Retirement Pensions	2,210.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$426,879.97

A summary of cash receipts and expenditures, statement of the various funds, total cost and book value of the plant, together with statistics pertaining to the plant, a list of bills remaining unpaid at the end of the year, and the auditor's certificate is appended, herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR G. SIAS, Manager

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

Accountants and Auditors
150 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

January 29, 1946

To the Municipal Light Board
Town of Reading
Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, as at December 31, 1945 and related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended, and reviewed the system of internal control and accounting procedures and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Department and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion said financial statements present fairly the position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1945 and the results of their operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

(signed) CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the Manager as submitted by him, together with the certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
LOUIS ELLENWOOD,
HERBERT G. EVANS.

Municipal Light Board

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1945

Cost of Land—Ash Street	\$ 2,575.80
25 Haven Street	7,459.46
Cost of Structures—Ash Street	57,373.12
25 Haven Street	27,849.85

Generating Plant—Steam:

Cost of Boiler Plant Equipment	69,696.71
Cost of Prime Movers and Auxiliaries	21,512.38
Cost of Turbo Generator Units	46,870.83
Cost of Electric Plant—Steam	83,090.61

Transmission, Distribution and Storage:

Cost of Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equip.	40,669.55
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	512,733.16
Cost of Underground Conduits	112,079.16
Cost of Underground Conductors	110,266.81
Cost of Consumers Meters	76,294.31
Cost of Meter Installations	25,017.35
Cost of Line Transformers	58,766.10
Cost of Line Transformer Installations	5,936.06

Utilization Equipment:

Cost of Street Lighting Equipment	54,470.63
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TOTAL COST OF ELECTRIC PLANT\$1,312,661.89

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1945

Fixed Assets:

Land	\$ 10,035.26
Structures	59,798.03
Plant Equipment	27,768.29
Transf. Stat. & Substat. Equip.	21,667.21
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond.	221,111.60
Underground Conduit	89,933.60
Underground Conductors	80,761.91
Consumers Meters and Installations	45,591.51
Line Transformers and Installations	32,882.23
Street Lighting Equipment	14,051.25
General Equipment	15,867.22

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS\$619,468.11

Unfinished Construction 4,998.22

Current Assets:

Construction Fund	8,555.77
Const. Fund — Spec. Underground	1,431.59

Real Est. Debt Retirement Fund	2,000.00
Depreciation Fund	141,758.28
Consumers Deposit Funds	15,264.00
Petty Cash Fund	250.00
Accounts Receivable	49,481.47
Materials and Supplies Inventories	64,346.08
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$283,087.19
Prepaid Insurance	512.55
TOTALS	\$908,066.07
Liabilities:	
Notes Payable	\$ 12,000.00
Bonds Payable	59,000.00
Accounts Payable	19,162.59
Consumers Deposits	15,264.00
Town Treas. — Petty Cash Fund	250.00
Interest Accrued	395.83
Loans Repayment	580,578.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$686,650.68
Profit and Loss Balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$221,415.39
TOTALS	\$908,066.07

Note: A contingent liability in the amount of \$705.34 existed at December 31, 1945 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the First National Bank of Reading.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

as of December 31, 1945

Balance December 31, 1944	\$216,802.82
Income Balance from Operating Account	74,612.57
TOTAL CREDITS	\$291,415.39
Bonds and Notes Paid	20,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town	50,000.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 70,000.00
Credit Balance December 31, 1945	\$221,415.39

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ending December 31, 1945

REVENUES:

Residence Service	\$319,806.89
Commercial Service	56,794.79
Commercial Power — Wholesale	18,446.10
Municipal Service	10,388.22
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plts.	1,175.81
Street Lighting Service	30,477.88
Miscellaneous Income	665.43
TOTAL REVENUES	\$437,755.12

EXPENSES:

Production Expenses	\$180,610.57
Distribution Expenses	77,084.58
Utilization Expenses	12,413.72
Commercial Expenses	21,596.96
New Business Expenses	70.75
General Expenses	22,220.49
Depreciation	38,644.38
Interest on Bonds and Notes	1,306.25
Taxes	5,364.36
Uncollectible Operating Revenues	110.63
Interest on Consumers Deposits	555.52
Retirement Pensions	353.00
Merchandise and Jobbing Expense	2,811.34
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$363,142.55

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

December 31, 1945

General Electric Co.	\$ 57.01
Boston Edison Company	\$ 19,139.23
George H. Buckminster Company .....(credit)	33.65

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$ 19,162.59

MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES W. ABBOTT
 A. NEWELL HOWES
 HENRY ROBINSON
 JAMES H. CARLETON
 WILLIAM S. KINSLEY
 CHARLES W. LEE
 GEORGE L. FLINT
 WALTER F. COOK
 FRANK WILLIS
 WILLIAM C. BUCK
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MANAGERS

STEWART S. BELL
 MARION L. SWIFT
 JOSIAH C. NORCROSS
 ARTHUR G. SIAS

1895
 1900
 1905
 1910
 1915
 1920
 1925
 1930
 1935
 1940
 1945

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Five Year Periods

Year	Income from sale of Electricity	Appropriations from Tax Levy for Street Lists	Operation and Maintenance Expenses	Interest	Depreciation	Bond and Note Payments	Total Cost of Plant	P & L Surplus
1910	\$ 26,273.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,929.65	\$ 2,535.75	\$ 3,556.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$135,992.62	\$ 4,997.64
1915	52,243.57	10,500.00	36,352.93	4,640.42	6,972.28	9,500.00	254,349.09	15,250.39
1920	127,246.77	11,000.00	90,416.17	7,850.70	15,507.13	18,300.00	421,048.20	35,735.94
1925	186,604.91	11,000.00	136,179.88	5,482.46	21,102.86	13,800.00	568,524.09	23,839.71
1930	264,896.12	12,000.00	206,477.38	3,418.66	29,064.82	12,800.00	767,809.12	26,205.26
1935	273,954.37	17,300.00	213,966.88	2,858.13	27,986.65	12,000.00	981,877.46	29,142.71
1940	360,588.59	14,500.00	296,813.95	3,028.85	34,690.58	21,000.00	1,222,686.77	63,774.64
1945	437,755.12	15,000.00	383,142.55	1,306.25	38,644.38	20,000.00	1,312,661.89	54,612.57

Year	KWH Generated and Purchased	KWH Sold	KWH Delivered to Reading Street Lights	KWH used at Plant and Office	KWH Unaccounted for	Number of Customers	Number of Street Lights	Average Revenue per KWH Sold Excluding Street Lights
1910	* 698,597	300,861	227,100	16,269	154,367	738	269	8.73c
1915	* 980,688	548,607	156,505	10,403	265,173	1,599	1,181	9.52c
1920	* 2,297,237	1,444,960	175,704	257,999	418,574	2,617	1,363	8.81c
1925	* 4,076,677	2,848,309	241,476	383,152	578,245	4,472	1,572	6.55c
1930	7,050,708	5,355,542	298,730	52,117	979,492	5,380	1,758	4.95c
1935	7,973,642	6,856,394	496,218	70,351	1,046,896	5,741	1,912	4.00c
1940	11,365,000	10,301,457	448,650	103,330	960,213	6,511	2,044	3.50c
1945	14,782,034	12,900,198	482,952	71,686	1,810,360	7,126	2,127	3.39c

* All KWH generated except 25495 KWH in 1925.
None generated since 1929.

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report as Town Counsel for the year 1945 as follows:

Suit has been brought against the Town in the Middlesex Superior Court for \$2,000.00 resulting from an accident which occurred on Salem Street, the pleadings have been completed in behalf of the Town and the case is continued on the docket until reached for trial. During the year one of the pending suits in the Middlesex Superior Court for \$5,000.00 referred to in my report for 1944 has been disposed of by order of the Court dismissing the action because of lack of prosecution. Several claims of various nature are outstanding against the Town and there are still pending five cases in the Courts.

As a result of the negotiations carried on with the Attorneys in New York representing the Estate of George H. Grouard relative to the termination of the trust provided for in his will for the benefit of the Town, the town treasurer has received the corpus of the trust approximating \$75,000.00 which has been added to the present fund to aid in establishing a hospital in the Town.

Eight cases have been commenced in the Land Court for the foreclosure of tax liens and four of the cases were disposed of by payment of the taxes and costs to the Town. The remaining cases will be disposed of in the near future by the entry of decrees foreclosing all rights of redemption thereunder. Under the statute of low value foreclosure proceedings were commenced covering twelve properties which has resulted in the sale of the parcels by the Town. The title to real estate consisting of land and buildings acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes has been registered in the Land Court and the premises have been sold for the sum of \$1352.86.

Four cases pending before the Appellate Tax Board involving substantial assessments of real estate have been disposed of by trial before the Appellate Tax Board resulting in a favorable decision for the Town.

Titles have been examined to four parcels of land to be acquired by the Town for the proposed new elementary school building on Summer Avenue and two of the parcels have already been conveyed to the Town. Also, title has been examined for a parcel of land adjoining and to become a part of the Junior High School athletic field and the transaction has been completed transferring the title to the Town.

Through proceedings brought in the Probate Court and otherwise, sums of money aggregating \$3146.43 have been recovered by the Town on account of aid rendered in Old Age Assistance cases.

As provided by the regulations of the Town, I have performed every professional act required by me in the performance of the duties of my office, including in part appearances in Court and hearings before Boards or Commissions, prosecuted claims in behalf of the Town and for all violations of Town by-laws, opinions to all Town Boards, police cases, investigation of claims against the Town, drafting release deeds, act for Legislature and other legal documents necessary in connection with municipal activities, by-laws, articles and motions for Town Meetings, Traffic and other rules and regulations, licenses, permits and such other legal matters referred to me for attention.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. DAVIS,
Town Counsel

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Reading. Mass.
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the Town of Reading for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Arrests for the Year 1945

Males, 193; Females, 10; Adults, 174; Minors, 29; Residents, 101; Non-residents, 102; American Born, 159; Foreign Born, 44.

Causes of Arrests

Drunkenness, 78; Assault and Battery, 8; Attempted Assault, 1; Arson, 1; Adultery, 1; Disorderly Conduct, 1; Peeping, 1; Non-Support, 11; Insane, 2; Receiving Stolen Property, 1; Runaway, 1; Setting Fires and Destruction of Property, 1; Out of Town Warrants, 2; Delinquents, 6; Habitual Truant, 1.

Automobile Violations

Speeding, 45; Failure to Stop at Stop Signs, 10; Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, 19; Leaving the Scene of Accident, 3; Operating After Suspension, 1; Operating Without License, 4; Operating so as to Endanger, 1; Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle, 1; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, 1; Hit and Run, 1; Operating Automobile Without Authority, 1. Total Arrests for the Year 1945, 203.

Disposition of Cases in Courts

Fined, 76; Released, 44; On File, 29; Not Guilty, 10; Probation, 1; Complaints Withdrawn, 2; Ordered to Pay, Non-Support, 5; Appealed,

2; House of Correction, 6; House of Correction, Suspended, 6; Sherborn Reformatory for Women, Suspended, 1; Insane Hospitals, 3; Lyman School, 2; Turned Over to Out of Town Officers, 16. Total Cases Disposed of, 203.

Amounts of Fines Imposed By Courts

17 Fines at \$5.00—\$85.00; 17 Fines at \$10.00—\$170.00; 21 Fines at \$15.00—\$315.00; 4 Fines at \$20.00—\$80.00; 2 Fines at \$25.00—\$50.00; 4 Fines at \$35.00—\$140.00; 1 Fine at \$40.00—\$40.00; 9 Fines at \$50.00—\$450.00; 1 Fine at \$100.00—\$100.00. Total Fines, \$1430.00. From this total the town received \$700.35.

Value of Properties Stolen and Recovered

Valuation of Properties as Stolen in Reading	\$ 3,781.00
Valuation of Properties Recovered in Reading	1,973.00
Valuation of Properties Recovered for Out of Town Departments	2,150.00
Total Value of Properties Recovered in 1945	4,123.00

Miscellaneous Services Rendered by the Police Department

A wide variety of incidental services which occupy much of the department's time and attention is summarized as follows:

Transients put up, 23; Windows found open, 28; Doors found open, 174; Summonses delivered, 165; Messages delivered, 199; Family trouble investigated, 59; Complaints investigated, 209; Miscellaneous cases investigated, 204; Persons reported missing, 18; Highway Department notified of obstructions and condition of streets and sidewalks, 29; Trees reported down, 3; Wires reported down, 19; Poles reported down, 5; Lights reported out, 11; Manhole covers reported off, 1; Water mains reported broken, 3; Assistance given sick, 69; Dead bodies cared for, 2; Persons assisted to their homes, 6; Prowlers reported and investigated, 33; Strayed dogs cared for, 19; Cats shot, 7; Teletype messages sent out, 76; For out of town departments, 16; Fire Department notified, 13; Escorts, 6; Finger prints taken, 7; Henhouses guarded, 3; Bank lights reported out, 3; Parking signs put out, 15; Houses reported temporarily and checked, 108; Malden and Melrose Gas. Co. notified of low gas pressure, 3; Serious sickness signs placed, 4; Lost horses found, stopped horseback riding on sidewalks, 5; Safe doors found open, 2; Steer shot, 1; Bull loose and recovered, 1; Bad odors reported, 61; Bicycles reported stolen, 18; Bicycles recovered, 17; Lost property brought to station, 41.

Automobile Accidents

Total number of automobile accidents reported for year 1945, 201. Fatal accident, 1; Accidents involving property damage, 137; Accidents involving personal injury, 89; Accidents involving persons taken to doc-

tors, 41; Accidents involving persons taken to hospitals, 13; 31 dogs struck or killed by automobiles.

Mileage on Automobile Units

Plymouth, Cruiser number two travelled 24,826 miles; Studebaker, Cruiser number one, travelled 8,994 miles to May 5th and was replaced by Plymouth, Cruiser number one, this cruiser has travelled 19,518 since May 7th; Dodge Ambulance has travelled 3,212 miles, and Packard, Chief's car travelled 2,940 miles, making a total mileage of all units for 1945 of 59,490 miles.

Police Ambulance Records

During the year 1945 the police made the following trips with the ambulance:

Winchester Hospital, 77; Choate Memorial Hospital, 9; St. John's Hospital, 26; Town Limits, 9; Melrose Hospital, 4; Malden Hospital, 1; New England Sanitarium, 12; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 2; Mass. General Hospital, 14; Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary, 1; Cambridge City Hospital, 1; Brookline Hospital, 1; Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, 1; Baptist Hospital, 1; Children's Hospital, 1; Mass. Memorial Hospital, 1; Lowell General Hospital, 1; Delaney Hospital, 1; Somerville Hospital, 2; South Station, 1; Beth Israel Hospital, 1; Veterans Hospital, West Roxbury, 1; Soldiers Home Hospital, Chelsea, 1; Lynn Nursing Home, 1; North Andover Rest Home, 2; Waltham Hospital, 1; Tewksbury Hospital, 1. Total trips made by the ambulance for 1945, 174. Received in payment for use of ambulance and turned over to Town Treasurer for 1945, \$527.00.

Auxiliary Police

On several occasions during the year the Auxiliary Police have been called out for duty. They have given this department able assistance, and I take this opportunity to thank all the members who rendered service.

IN MEMORIAM

James H. Lawler

Born Nov. 11, 1894

Died Sept. 18, 1945

Officer Lawler was appointed a Special Police Officer, Mar. 28, 1927, and appointed a regular Patrolman, Mar. 12, 1928.

Chief Jeremiah Cullinane retired from the department Oct. 28, 1945. Chief Cullinane was appointed a Special Police Officer in 1900, Regular Patrolman Mar. 1, 1913 and made Chief Mar. 1, 1917.

Sergt. Francis T. Slack retired from the Department May 19, 1945. Sergt. Slack was appointed a Special Police Officer early in 1919, appointed a Regular Patrolman, Sept. 6, 1919 and appointed Sergeant, April 4, 1926.

Patrolman Thomas E. Wall appointed Sergeant, Feb. 4, 1945.

Patrolman Arthur M. Curtin appointed Sergeant, June 24, 1945.

William R. Florence was appointed a temporary Patrolman Oct. 13, 1944, resigned from the Department July 27, 1945.

Richard F. Dugan was appointed a temporary Patrolman July 9, 1945, resigned from the department Aug. 4, 1945.

John F. Beaudoin appointed a temporary Patrolman Sept. 1, 1945.

George V. Gaw appointed a temporary Patrolman Sept. 1, 1945.

William H. Faulkner appointed a temporary Patrolman Oct. 9, 1945.

William H. Dewsnap, Jr., appointed a temporary Patrolman Nov. 24, 1945.

Sergt. Francis L. Johnson appointed Acting Chief of Police Oct. 28, 1945.

Conclusion

At this time I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Judges of the Superior and District Courts, the Clerks of our Courts, our local press and all others who have assisted in promoting the welfare of this department, also to all the members of this department for their work during the year.

FRANCIS L. JOHNSON

Reading, Mass.

NINETY-FIRST REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

The report of the Reading Fire Department for the year 1945 is hereby submitted.

Manual Force

The permanent force consists of eleven permanent men including the Chief. Two permanent men were added this year. There are 14 full time and 10 half time call men.

Auxiliary Fire Service

The Auxiliary Fire Service continues to be of valuable assistance to the department. These men have given freely of their time, have maintained night watches at the Engine 2 station, performed fire duty and assisted in the removal of snow from fire hydrants.

Apparatus

At the Central Station: 1937 Packard Chief's car equipped with two-way radio for communication with the Police Station; Engine 1, a 1,000 gal. per min. Seagrave pumping engine purchased in 1934; Engine 3, a 600 gal. Seagrave engine purchased in 1939; Engine 4, a 1932 Chevrolet forest fire engine with a 100 gal. portable and a 500 gal. front-end pump; Ladder 1, a 65 ft. Seagrave Junior Aerial truck with a 200 gal. pump purchased in 1940.

At the Woburn Street Station: Engine 2, a 400 gal. Seagrave engine purchased in 1926; Engine 5, a 1938 Chevrolet which was equipped by the permanent firemen. This engine has a 400 gal. front-end pump and is assigned to the Auxiliary Fire Service.

There is also some equipment, including two 500 gallon pumps loaned by the Government.

Fire Stations

The Central Station, built in 1883, has been altered by removing the three sets of narrow swinging doors and replacing them with two sets of wide overhead doors to allow safer egress of the apparatus. Although this improvement has been made the station is very crowded. An acoustical ceiling has been installed in the apparatus room. Much of the iron water piping has been replaced with copper tubing. The heating boiler, which has been condemned must be replaced in 1946.

The Woburn Street Station, built in 1874, has received one coat of outside paint and a second coat will be added next year. The belfry roof has been repaired and new gutter and rain conductors placed on the east side. The heating boiler has been repaired and a new bulk-head built. This station has reached an age where constant repairs are necessary.

Service Record

The department has responded to 115 bell alarms, 13 of which were false, 223 still and 190 service calls—a total of 528, which is an increase of 165 over 1944. The fire loss was \$49,919.75, an increase of \$24,927.11 over last year. Feet of hose laid: $\frac{3}{4}$ in. 16,700; $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. 11,700; $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. 17,350; 2,372 ft. of ladder were raised including 28 times the aerial ladder was used. 26 water-proof covers have been spread. Extinguishers used: 7 soda-acid; 2 carbon-tetrachloride; 19 carbon-dioxide; 2 foam; 2 chimney fuses. Booster tanks were used 148 times. Engines have pumped $27\frac{1}{2}$ hours, the cellar pump $129\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and the lighting generator has operated $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Twenty fires of unknown or incendiary origin have been investigated by an inspector from the office of the State Fire Marshal. One person was convicted of burning a dwelling and three were apprehended for sounding false alarms.

On Halloween the department received over fifty calls in seven hours and it was necessary to call aid from the Wakefield and Stoneham departments to handle the situation. Five appeared in the Woburn Court for setting grass fires that night.

There were two calls for the inhalator and one for the oxygen tent.

October 28th, Mrs. Maria L. Winchester, 52 Washington Street, received burns during a fire in her home that were fatal. Eight firemen have been injured while fighting fires.

Recommendations

It is my recommendation that the permanent force be increased and that the permanent men be granted the seventy hour week in place of the existing two platoon system whereby these men are on duty eighty-four hours per week. That an extension be connected from the police to the fire station to allow two-way radio conversation direct between the fire chief's car and fire headquarters. Booster brakes should be installed on Engine 5 as a safety measure. The purchase of two air masks to allow firemen to enter where dangerous gases exist. Replace the condemned heating boiler in the central station and install additional radiation on the apparatus floor. Remodel the central station bathroom. Also, I believe that at this time consideration should be given to the future replacement of both the Central and Woburn Street Fire Stations.

Conclusion

In conclusion I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen for its cooperation, the members of the department and the Auxiliary Fire Service for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties, the employees of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for their able assistance in receiving and transmitting emergency calls, the Moth Department for assistance at forest fires, the members of the Police Department for their cooperation and assistance at fires and conducting investigations, and the other town departments and citizens who have assisted this department.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

The department has responded to 147 grass and brush fires during the year 1945. This is an increase of 11 over 1944. Improper incinerators, carelessness and maliciousness have been the principal causes of these fires.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

As only the necessary maintenance work has been carried on through 1945, much work will be required on the fire alarm system during the coming year. With the growth of the town there are many locations in need of fire alarm boxes to give ample protection. Many of the old boxes should be replaced as they have outlived their usefulness, two of them being fifty-seven years old. I believe that a program should be planned whereby boxes would be purchased each year, one-half for new locations and the other half to replace old boxes. There also should be additions made to the underground cables with the view of placing all fire alarm circuits underground eventually.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,
Superintendent of Fire Alarm

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Gentlemen:

The 1945 report of the Inspector of Wires is as follows:

Alterations, extensions and repairs to wiring, 94; Oil burners, 34; Ranges, 10; Motors, 6; Water heaters, 6; Unit heaters, 3; Heat regulators, 21; Stokers, 1; New houses, 5; Henhouses, 2; Services replaced, 4; Bell ringing transformers, 2; Refrigeration, 5; Signs, 1.

I wish to thank the electricians for their co-operation and all others who have been of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for the year 1945.

There was very little feeding by the Elm Leaf Beetle in 1945. This was due to the cooperation of the property owners having their property sprayed and our extensive spraying of the street trees.

There are very few Gypsy Moths in the residential part of the town. This is also the result of the spray program. The woodland in the northern part of the town has several badly infested areas. Due to the labor shortage the past few years we have been unable to spray this woodland.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Accountant and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading,

I submit my report as Tree Warden for the year 1945.

The unusual warm weather in March made it impossible to complete all of our dormant spraying. This work must be done before the buds open and when there is no longer danger of it freezing.

Eighty-six trees were planted on the roadside. The cost of these trees has doubled at the nurseries in the past three years.

Due to hurricane damage, maple wilt, gas leaks and automobile collisions it was necessary to remove eighteen trees from the roadside.

There is a large amount of work required on the street trees and for this reason we are unable to keep up with all the requests for work on private property.

I wish to thank the employees of this department, the Board of Public Works, the Electric Light Department and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Number of permits granted	34
Number of fixtures installed	127
Bath tubs	16
Lavatories	33
Closets	30
Sinks	13
Trays	11
Boilers	10
Showers	2
Sewer conenctions	12

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID TAGGART,
Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the building report for the year 1945.

The restrictions on building were removed to some extent these last few months; therefore there is more activity in building operations which is evident by the following report:

A new law became effective on November 1st, 1945, that puts a considerable amount of responsibility on all building inspectors throughout the State of Massachusetts and it will require very much more time to enforce these new laws in all their phases.

In other words the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Safety are putting all the responsibility on the local Building Departments.

However, here are the results of permits as issued with the estimated cost of same.

16 New dwellings	\$ 74,600.00
7 New garages	27,600.00
25 Alterations and additions to all types of buildings.....	41,480.00

8	Hen houses	3,285.00
2	Greenhouses	5,000.00
7	Miscellaneous buildings	1,950.00

Total estimated cost of all building construction \$153,915.00

The sum of one hundred sixty-four (\$164.50) dollars and fifty cents was received in fees for the above building permits.

Several buildings have been investigated as to their safety, and in some cases orders were given to take them down, which were complied with.

There have been several complaints for violation of the zoning laws. All cases have been investigated and either have or will be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SIDEBOTTOM,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

January 26, 1946

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Town of Reading, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1945 to January 1, 1946.

Thirty-seven dogs were quarantined for inflicting personal injuries, and thirty-six dogs released after the period of quarantine expired. The one dog not released from quarantine, broke loose before the expiration period and still remains at large.

The increased number of dogs being quarantined was apparently the result of young children being bitten or scratched in an attempt to make friends with unfamiliar animals.

There has been a raging epidemic of rabies in a number of southern, western, and mid-western states this past summer, and although there has been no rabies in animals in the State of Massachusetts for over two years, one never knows where it might break out next. Thus, one should refrain from attempting to make friends with strange dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF POST-WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens :

The organization and facilities established through the activities of the Post-War Planning Committee have had no severe demand placed upon them.

An Information Center which had been organized in the High School and handled by the School Department personnel aided all service men and women who presented themselves at the center for information. For the most part, the returning veteran who appealed to the center for assistance asked for educational guidance. One or two cases asked for legal advice and they were referred to the proper person through the organization created by the Post-War Planning Committee. A brief summary of some of the things accomplished through the center are as follows :

Letters written to individuals who ask for educational advice	26
United States Armed Forces Institute papers filled out stating the credits that the veteran can get for courses taken in the service and the list of credits earned toward a high school diploma	17
Transcripts of records given to veterans to take to other institutions of learning	16
College forms filled out and sent at the request of veterans	25
Forms filled out for the Veterans Bureau (Veterans Rehabilitation)	5
Personal interviews	27

The organization established for Educational Guidance, Employment, Medical and Legal Aid as well as personal rehabilitation of the serviceman has functioned and is standing by for such opportunities to serve as may come. During the summer months the Veterans Service Officer, Charles W. H. Smith took charge of the Information Center work through his office and aided several during that time.

When materials and labor supplies are ready for use the work survey that established data as to potential work plans of citizens for repair maintenance and building purposes will be useful to those interested. As yet, no extensive use of the projects outlined in the schedules of work established by the Town Meeting and for which engineering and surveying monies were appropriated has had to be made. The fund of \$200 made available from the Salvation Army by the efforts of Mr. Quimby is still intact.

The committee appreciates the cooperation rendered by the Town Boards and believes that the machinery established through the effort

of the Post-War Planning Committee will be of much assistance in carrying out the vote of the last special Town Meeting concerning this work.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. PEASE, Chairman
RALPH G. BABCOCK, Secretary
IRVING C. AUSTIN
WENDELL P. DAVIS
W. GARDNER LONG
H. WILSON POWERS
FRANK D. TANNER

Post-War Planning Committee

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Reading:

There were ninety-nine cases of contagious diseases reported during the year 1945.

Anterior Poliomyelitis	10
Chicken Pox	13
Diphtheria	2
Dog Bite	41
Malaria	2
Measles	7
Mumps	6
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Scarlet Fever	10
Spinal Meningitis	1
Whooping Cough	6

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. HALLIGAN, M. D.
C. R. BAISLEY, M. D.
C. F. ATKINSON

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945

The Board of Appeals held four hearings during the year 1945, two of which were granted and two denied. Records of these hearings are on file with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON S. NICHOLS, Chairman
HERBERT T. SCHOPPELRY, Secretary
ROBERT L. DEAN

Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE WELFARE BOARD

Even though war-time regulations as to conservation of paper and manpower have been relaxed, we are still of the opinion that the citizens of Reading are not in favor of unnecessarily voluminous and verbose reports from its town officials; hence we continue our regular practice of brevity.

We are happy to be able to say that 1945 was less costly than we anticipated, although the cessation of hostilities made some noticeable changes in the employment situation, still the load on the department has not increased very much, and we were able to turn back a substantial amount of money, unexpended, from our appropriation for last year (see Town Accountant's Report). Changes in the Old Age Assistance Law, effective January 1, 1946, plus indicated increases in General Aid and Aid to Dependent Children charges, have caused us to ask for a budget some \$10,000.00 in excess of 1945; however, experience shows that our capable Welfare Agent and his excellent staff of Social Workers and office assistants, have in the past few years been able to keep expenses below our estimates and we hope the same will be true this year.

For more specific details of our activities and the effect of the cost of welfare on the town tax rate, we refer you to the report of the Welfare Agent appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. KNIGHT, Chairman
CLARENCE J. STALLIDAY, Secretary
MILES C. HIGGINS

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

To the Board of Public Welfare:

I submit the following report as Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance for the year 1945.

We have assisted during the year 42 cases of General Aid, of which 5 were family cases and 37 single cases. Of the family cases only 2 have been assisted for any length of time. The single cases are, for the most

part, continuing cases of long duration, representing persons who are physically or mentally unable to support themselves and who have no relatives able to help them. One gratifying surprise has been the maintenance of fairly good employment conditions, notwithstanding the cessation of actual warfare, although we are aware that in some instances compensation for unemployment has been maintaining some people who otherwise might have been obliged to seek assistance. With considerable misgiving I have recommended a decrease in our General Aid appropriation for 1946, mainly because of the substantial amounts of unused appropriation we have been turning back into revenue for the past few years. A search of our records of past years and conferences with the public welfare officials of neighboring cities and towns does not provide a basis for anything better than an estimate for 1946 General Aid expenditures which is, necessarily, merely an educated guess. We may at least hope for the best and trust that a reduced appropriation will carry us through.

In the Aid to Dependent Children category we have assisted a total of 16 cases, involving 34 children under 16—or under 18 if regularly attending school. There is approximately 20% federal participation in this expense and the commonwealth reimburses 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %. As nearly every item of living expenses, with the possible exception of fuel oil, range oil, and rent, has been steadily on the increase during the recent years this upward trend is reflected in our expenditure for Aid to Dependent Children, which is based directly on the cost of state standard budgetary needs.

The federal participation, based on the same "per child" figure as it was in 1937, has been, of course, a steadily decreasing percentage of the total cost. This fact has been called to the attention of federal officials by many public welfare officers throughout the state but as most of the federal personnel we come in contact with locally is of the auditing, investigating, or "survey" type no result toward a better ratio of federal reimbursement has been achieved. Possibly a better avenue of approach would be through our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The case load in Aid to Dependent Children, which has been rather low during the last two years, is now definitely increasing. This means that although we had an excess of \$2,700.00 in this account for 1945, which goes to revenue, it would be unsound in the face of the visibly rising costs to request an appropriation any lower than the figure of \$13,000.00 (plus U. S. Grants) for 1945 to meet the needs of the coming year.

Old Age Assistance shows a total of 275 cases aided during 1945, the highest for any one month being 236, for December. A state revision upward of standard budget figures, these figures being mandatory on us in making an allotment for Old Age Assistance, was the main

cause of a rise in monthly "cost per case" of about 12½% from March 1st to the end of the year. Chapter 683, Acts of 1945, effective January 1st, 1946, practically eliminates the legal liability of children so far as Old Age Assistance parents is concerned. At this writing the exact percentage of increase in case expenditure under the operation of this new law is not available. However, it appears to be headed for approximately 10%. Another factor, already in evidence, is that under the much larger exemptions now given to children we will have applications from persons who otherwise would have been deterred by the fact that children might be held legally liable for all or part of their support. Federal help in this category exhibits a tendency similar to that in Aid to Dependent Children. Federal Grants cannot exceed \$20.00 for any one case per month. Consequently, federal share in the cost has dropped from 44% plus to about 40% towards the end of 1945, and there will be a further material percentage reduction in 1946. Although the preliminary estimate submitted by me for 1946 requests an increase in appropriation from \$72,500.00 to \$84,000.00 as compared to 1945, I am already concerned lest the increased figure fall short of our 1946 requirements. However, we have no definite knowledge of the future, any more than the fire department knows how many fires it will be called to in 1946 or the police department knows how many arrests it will make. Lacking a more exact basis than the only one available, namely, a thorough survey of past years and a careful study of the probable effect of the new legislation, it is difficult to justify a demand for an appropriation larger than that asked for in our 1946 estimate. If the situation goes out of hand during the year the matter will have to be handled as it arises.

Many of our citizens give consideration to public welfare costs mainly from the viewpoint of the effect of assistance expenditures on the town tax rate. Because the reports of expenditures and departmental receipts appear in widely separated portions of our annual town reports I wish, in closing, to submit a condensed schedule showing not only expenditures but also the receipts which are the result of claims prepared by us and presented to the federal government, the commonwealth, other cities and towns, and in some cases to individuals or to estates.

The simplest and most direct way to show this is merely to say:

The total expenditures for all categories of relief furnished by this department in 1945, including the entire cost of administration, is, in round figures	\$160,000.00
The total received for reimbursement from all sources is..	\$123,000.00

This leaves an actual net cost for the whole program of \$ 37,000.00

This has effect on the local tax rate of approximately two dollars on the thousand, less than one-seventeenth of the total rate of thirty-

five dollars. For example, if your home is assessed on a valuation of \$6,000.00 it costs you about twelve dollars a year to assist in maintaining a program of assistance and relief in your town which, while it has widened in scope tremendously during the last decade, particularly as it affects the older people, has certainly been effective in caring for relief of the needy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. HARNDEN,

Welfare Agent

Director of O. A. A

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For the Year 1945

Valuation of Taxable Property

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$ 13,403,855
Land, exclusive of buildings	3,482,015
Personal Estate	793,052

Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 17,678,922
Amount appropriated for Town Purposes..	\$ 1,074,781.36
Amount to be paid for State and County Taxes	64,225.83
Amount of Overlay	23,307.63

\$ 1,162,314.82

Less Estimated Receipts	\$ 349,554.57
Excise Tax	9,000.00
Available Funds	159,052.91

517,607.48

Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property	644,707.34
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Tax Rate 1945 — \$36.00 per M.

Recapitulation

Real Estate Tax	\$607,891.32
Personal Tax	28,550.02
Poll Tax	8,266.00
Excise Tax	10,097.20
Moth Assessment	822.77
Sidewalk and Curbing	1,115.50
House Connections	247.88

Sewer	451.84
Highway	2,112.73
Plowing	97.63
Water Liens	123.56
December Commitment	14.83
Additional Polls	104.00

\$659,895.28

Valuation Comparison

	1944	1945	Inc.	Dec.
Valuation of Buildings	\$13,316,220	\$13,403,855	\$ 87,635	
Valuation of Land	3,475,455	3,482,015	6,560	
Valuation of Personal Property	768,650	793,052	24,402	
Valuation of Town Property	1,495,510	1,903,295	407,785	
Valuation of Exempted Property	609,360	609,060		300
Valuation of Excise Tax ..	383,610	298,360		85,250
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Total Town Valuation ..	\$20,048,805	\$20,489,837	\$ 526,382	\$ 85,350
Net Change in Valuation ..				441,032

HAROLD B. CURRELL,
ARTHUR S. COOK,
FRANK E. GRAY,

Board of Assessors

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Reading, Massachusetts

For the Year Ended December 31

1945

IN MEMORIAM

Ada E. Dow

Principal

1909 - 1945

Herman T. Wheeler

Teacher

1924 - 1945

*They will always live
in the hearts and deeds
of their pupils for whom
they never spared themselves*

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

School Committee

Mrs. Mary E. Earley, 18 Whittier Road	Term expires 1948
Dr. Merle W. Wescott, 16 Sanborn Street	Term expires 1948
J. Warren Killam, Jr., Chairman, 341 Summer Avenue	Term expires 1947
Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High Street	Term expires 1947
Norman L. Duncan, 54 Longview Road	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Gladys F. Milton, 280 Summer Avenue	Term expires 1946

School Committee Office

Grouard House, 25 School Street	Rea. 0180; 0059
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Open Daily

Monday through Friday	8:30 to 5:00 p. m.
During School Vacations	9:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Superintendent of Schools

Elbridge C. Grover, 6 Pine Ridge Road	Office: Rea. 0180; 0059
	Residence: 0479

Secretary to the Superintendent

Mae A. Tanner, 58 Prescott Street	Office: Rea. 0180; 0059
	Residence: 0050

Clerks in School Committee Office

Helen P. Ingalls, 432 Haverhill St., School Committee Clerk	Office: 0180; 0059
	Residence: 0243
Alice Arsenault, 9 Longwood Road, Clerk-Secretary	Office: 0180; 0059
	Residence: 1662-M

Visiting Teacher

Jean F. Ramsay, 385 Summer Avenue	Office: 1475
	Residence: 0084

Attendance Officer

Warburton J. Murray, 81 Vine Street	Office: 1475
	Residence: 1312-W

School Physician

Dr. Thomas F. Halpin, 26 Linden Street	Residence: 0086
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School Nurse

Margaret B. Clewley, 131 Pleasant St., Woburn	Office: 1475
	Residence: Wob. 0316

Secretary to School Nurse and Visiting Teacher

Bette Theodorou, 53 Belmont St.	Office: 1475
	Residence: 1818-M

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

Radio announcement when possible over WNAC, WEEI, WBZ and WLAW between 7:00 and 7:45 a. m.

Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times. Street lights turned on for five minutes at the following times:

7:15 a. m. for Senior High School

7:30 a. m. for Junior High School

7:45 a. m. for Grades 1-6 inclusive

SINCE SCHOOL BUSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION ONLY TWICE A DAY, MORNING AND NIGHT, NO SCHOOL SIGNALS IN THE MORNING MEAN NO SCHOOL ALL DAY.

High School sessions will be called off only in cases of extremely severe weather or other emergencies. None of the schools will be closed except in severe weather, but it is hoped that parents will at all times use discretion as to whether their children should attend, even when the schools are in session.

SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental—Tuesday and Thursday, at the Grouard House, 9-12 and 1-3.

Pre-School—Municipal Building, Rooms 2 and 4, every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Tuberculosis Prevention—annually by announcement.

Diphtheria Prevention—annually by announcement.

SCHOOL SECRETARIES AND CLERKS

High School:

Myrtle W. Tilton, Secretary, 99 Prescott Street 0295-W

Bette E. Hole, Clerk, 129 Beacon St., Boston Com. 7893

Junior High School:

Alice Larrabee, Secretary, 1140 Main Street 1388

Highland School:

Muriel Newberry, Secretary, 11 High Street

Pearl Street School:

Dorothy A. Walsh, Secretary, Park St., N. Reading N.R. 195

SCHOOL JANITORS

High School:

John Maguire, 61 Vine Street	0281-J
Percy Curtis, 161 Ash Street	1518-W
Mrs. Margaret DeWitt, 26 Line Road	

Junior High School:

Fred Riessle, 10 King Street	1617-W
Walter Smith, 36 Temple Street	1445-M
Kenneth L. Beverage, 8 Morgan Park	1336-W
Agnes Hurley, 23 King Street	

Highland School and Grouard House:

William R. Yorks, 16 Track Road	1087-R
William Broussard, 131 Salem Street	1937-W
Mrs. Lila Hall, 247 High Street	

Pearl Street School:

Edward McBrien, 213 Forest Street	0228
Simón A. Castine, 21 Green Street	

Prospect Street and Chestnut Hill Schools:

Leander Smith, 193 High Street	1325
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Lowell Street School:

William A. Lloyd, 128 Bancroft Avenue	
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CAFETERIA

High School:

Mary A. Kingman, 12 Sanborn Street	
Ida Johnson, 38 Washington Street	0699-J

Junior High School:

Annie L. Canty, 72 Linden Street	1653-W
Edith French, 11 Lewis Street	0808-W
Eva E. Noble, 241 West Street	1438-W

SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 1946 to June 1947 Inclusive

Winter Vacation, week of	February 18, 1946
Spring Vacation, week of	April 15, 1946

SCHOOL CALENDAR

No sessions:

Memorial Day

May 30, 1946

Schools open

September 4, 1946

No sessions:

Columbus Day

October 12, 1946

Teachers' Convention

October 25, 1946

Armistice Day

November 11, 1946

Thanksgiving Recess from Noon, November 27, 1946, to Dec. 2, 1946

Christmas Vacation from end of Regular sessions, December 20, 1946 to January 2, 1947

Winter Vacation, week of

February 24, 1947

Spring Vacation, week of

April 28, 1947

No sessions:

Memorial Day

May 30, 1947

Schools close for Summer

June 20, 1947

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The School Committee submits its annual report.

During the years just passed it has been the single purpose of all Americans to do their share toward making our country and the world safe and desirable for future generations. We cannot be expected, in Reading, to determine all national and international affairs, but we can be expected to furnish our children with the mental and physical equipment, so that they may be better qualified to take their place in an advancing age.

Our High School facilities in Reading are completely and definitely out-moded. They have not been developed in accordance with modern requirements. This situation has been called to the attention of the people in the School Committee reports of the past several years.

A study of school requirements has now been developed to the extent where it is now ready to come before the voters for their final determination. After their selection of a site for a school building, there is considerable detail in arranging curricula requirements prior to re-

taining an architect to design a building to house its requirements. This has been done on two separate sites for the High School, and these sites will be submitted to the voters at the annual Town meeting for their selection. After the final selection has been made, the architect will then proceed with working drawings, so that the construction may ultimately be let out to contract.

There are several bills pending in Congress at the present time, relative to certain grants of money to local subdivisions of government for the construction of public works. In the event that any of these are passed, it is advisable for the Town to be ready to take advantage of those grants. In other words, no harm can be done by being ready. Substantial harm can be done by not being ready.

The Summer Avenue elementary school plans are nearing completion, of an able, diligent, and conscientious worker. The School Committee for an appropriation at the annual Town meeting, they will be shortly thereafter, and it is intended to call a special Town meeting for that purpose.

During the last year, the Chairman of the School Committee, Irving C. Austin, due to pressure in his business commitments, felt obliged to resign as a member of the School Committee. The Town, and more particularly, the School Committee loses the services, by his resignation of an able, diligent, and conscientious worker. The School Committee regrets exceedingly the conditions which caused Mr. Austin to make this decision.

The terms of Norman L. Duncan, and Gladys F. Milton expire this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARREN KILLAM, Jr., Chairman
NORMAN L. DUNCAN
MARY E. EARLEY
GLADYS F. MILTON
GOULD B. RUGGLES
MERLE W. WESCOTT

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET — 1946
Receipts Not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town
Final Draft — February 8, 1946

Estimate 1946	1945
General Account:	
\$323,376.04	\$294,874.37
Total Expenditure (Less Transportation)	
Receipts:	
State Reimbursement on Teachers	\$ 17,891.50
Tuition	11,681.73
Sundry	249.91
29,700.00	29,823.14
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\$293,676.04	\$265,051.23
NET COST TO TOWN	
School Lunches:	
\$ 37,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Appropriation	
Inventory	\$ 835.55
Receipts:	
Cash for Lunches	21,287.17
W. F. A. Reimbursement	6,066.06
\$ 28,000.00	28,188.78
9,000.00	
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37,000.00	27,127.86
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.....	\$ 1,060.92
.....	\$ 2,871.14
NET GAIN TO TOWN	
BALANCE FROM APPROPRIATION	
Industrial Tuition:	
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,543.88
Total Expenditure	
Receipts:	
State Reimbursement	534.74
500.00	
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\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,009.14
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NET COST TO TOWN	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1945

Appropriations		
Transfers and Refunds		Expended
1945		1945
SALARIES:		
\$220,149.39	Supt. and Teachers	\$217,637.79
2,000.00	Substitutes	1,484.75
25,049.33	Janitors	24,359.73
500.00	Compulsory Attendance	500.00
3,600.00	Nurse and Clerk	3,173.20
1,100.00	Medical Inspection	1,033.28
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\$252,398.72	TOTAL SALARIES	\$248,188.75
MAINTENANCE:		
General Control:		
\$ 600.00	Supt's. Office Supplies	\$ 304.06
200.00	Res. and Prof. Study	220.55
450.00	Travel	300.85
175.00	Printing	209.75
425.00	Other Expenses	573.54
450.00	Grouard House — Operation	346.19
100.00	Grouard House — Maintenance	450.39
100.00	Grouard House — Capital Outlay	369.98
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\$ 2,500.00	Total General Control	\$ 2,775.31
Instruction:		
\$ 450.00	Supervision	\$ 371.42
350.00	Prin. Off. Expense	381.29
2,200.00	Textbooks	1,959.12
8,000.00	Supplies	6,920.68
600.00	Library	443.44
1,000.00	Supplementary Books	1,015.91
275.00	Commencement	332.37
800.00	Other Expenses	927.78
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\$ 13,675.00	Total Instruction	\$ 12,352.01
Operation of Plant:		
\$ 2,000.00	Janitors' Supplies	\$ 2,720.24
8,000.00	Fuel	9,054.74
1,200.00	Water and Sewer	1,041.68
2,700.00	Electricity	2,968.29

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1945

335.00	Gas	420.57
350.00	Other Expenses	720.42
750.00	Telephone	645.07
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\$ 15,335.00	Total Operation of Plant	\$ 17,571.01
	Maintenance of Plant:	
\$ 3,012.00	Grounds	\$ 2,236.03
5,303.00	Buildings	4,213.11
705.00	Service Systems	555.32
855.00	Plumbing	232.44
1,112.00	Instructional Apparatus	1,915.18
147.00	Furniture	20.03
394.00	Other Expenses	312.07
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\$ 11,528.00	Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 9,484.18
	Capital Outlay:	
\$ 256.00	Alterations and Additions	\$ 224.66
813.00	Furniture	797.74
1,931.00	Instructional Apparatus	2,902.05
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\$ 3,000.00	Total Capital Outlay	\$ 3,924.45
	Auxiliary Agencies:	
\$ 104.00	Tuition	\$ 54.29
	Coordinate Account:	
\$ 200.00	Compulsory Attendance	\$ 211.38
35.00	Medical Service	30.71
400.00	Nurse Service	282.28
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\$ 635.00	Total Coordinate Account	\$ 524.37
\$ 46,777.00	TOTAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 46,685.62
\$ 7,220.00	TRANSPORTATION	\$ 7,051.50
\$306,395.72	GRAND TOTAL	\$301,925.87
\$ 1,550.00	INDUSTRIAL TUITION	\$ 1,543.88
\$ 30,000.00	SCHOOL LUNCHESES	\$ 27,127.86
\$ 3,308.88	BUILDING PLANS—HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 3,195.90
\$ 4,500.00	BUILDING PLANS—ELEMENTARY	\$ 423.62

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL—1945

Left :

Samuel A. W. Peck	Director of Music	Feb.
Mildred Ingram	Jr. High School Cafeteria	Feb.
Maxine Swett	Pearl—Grade 6	Feb.
Lillian B. Davies	Secretary—Superintendent's Office	Mar.
Evelyn Lazenby	Secretary—Health Office	May
Marjorie Buckle	Pearl—Grade 4	June
Leo I. Burrington	Jr. High School—Business Training	June
Doris R. Cleary (L.A.)	Prospect—Grade 2	June
Ada E. Dow	Prospect—Grade 3	June
Glenna Dow (L.A.)	Pearl—Grade 2	June
John O. Edwards, Jr.	Jr. High School—Physical Education	June
Evelyn M. Giles	Supervisor—Elementary Music	June
Elois Godfrey	Lowell—Grade 1	June
Olive Joney	Highland—Grade 6	June
Andronike J. Mekelatos	Jr. High School—Music Supervisor	June
Eleanor Miller	Highland—Grade 1	June
Austin J. Freeley	Jr. High School—9th Grade	June
Albert J. Reinhalter	High School—Physical Education	July
Victor Pitkin	High School—U. S. History	Aug.
Herman T. Wheeler	High School—World Geography	Sept.
Alice D. Berry	Prospect—Grade 1	Oct.
Anna Dickinson	Secretary—Superintendent's Office	Oct.
Nina Boyd	Pearl—6th Grade	Oct.
Ina L. Morrison	Clerk—Superintendent's Office	Oct.
Arthur M. Griffin	High School—World Geography	Nov.
Terry L. Ham	Clerk—Superintendent's Office	Nov.

Appointed and returned :

Lillian B. Davies	Secretary—Superintendent's Office	Jan.
Hazel S. Davis	Pearl—Grade 6	Feb.
Margaret J. DeWitt	Matron—High School	Feb.
Anna Dickinson	Secretary—Superintendent's Office	Mar.
Cyrus D. Thompson	Director of Music	Mar.
Nina C. Boyd	Pearl—Grade 6	Aug.
Doris Bailey	Highland—Grade 5	Sept.
Bernice Burdick	Supervisor—Elementary Music	Sept.
Charlotte Burnham	Prospect—Grade 1	Sept.
Stafford J. Connor	High School—Dir. of Phys. Ed.	Sept.
Elizabeth M. Cowperthwait	Jr. High School—English	Sept.
Virginia Cox	High School—Latin, English	Sept.
Eileen Cummings	Highland—Grade 1	Sept.

Change in Personnel—1945 (continued)

Marion B. Cushman	Pearl—Grade 4	Sept.
Helen F. Frederic	Lowell—Grade 1	Sept.
William Hanlon	High School—Soc. Studies, German	Sept.
Jean Hertel	Prospect—Grade 2	Sept.
Lila Hall	Highland—Matron	Sept.
Virginia M. Linden	Highland—Grade 4	Sept.
Eva E. Noble	Junior High School Cafeteria	Sept.
John B. Pacino	Jr. High School—Phys. Ed., Hygiene	Sept.
Elizabeth Robinson	Pearl—Grade 2	Sept.
Stanley H. Smithers	Jr. High School—Su. of Music	Sept.
Lois A. Taylor	Pearl—Grade 3	Sept.
Margaret G. Traquair	Pearl—Opportunity	Sept.
Terry L. Ham	Clerk—Superintendent's Office	Oct.
*Arthur L. Spencer	High School—Latin	Oct.
Mae A. Tanner	Secretary—Superintendent's Office	Oct.
Helen M. Ingalls	Clerk—Superintendent's Office	Nov.
*Robert Bronner	High School—History	Nov.
*Arthur M. Griffin	High School—World Geography	Nov.
Myrla Wilbur	Pearl—6th Grade	Nov.

*Returned from Armed Forces.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Class of Service	Men	Women	Total
Total number of School Department Employees	37	90	127
A. Administration Total	21	3	51
Superintendent	1		1
Attendance	1		1
Visiting Teacher		1	1
Directors and Supervisors	1	2	21
B. Supervising Principals Total	2	2	4
High School	1		1
Junior High School	1		1
Elementary Schools		2	2

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (continued)

C. Teachers	Total	20.9	67.0	87.9	
1. Regular	Total	13.0	58.5	71.5	
High School (Grades 10-12)		8.5	10.5	19.0	
Junior High School (Grades 7-9)		4.5	11.0	15.5	
Elementary Schools (Grades 1-6)			37.0	37.0	
Chestnut Hill			2.0	2.0	
Highland			12.0	12.0	
Lowell			4.0	4.0	
Pearl			13.0	13.0	
Prospect			6.0	6.0	
2. Special	Total	7.9	8.5	16.4	
Adm., Supervisory and Guidance		1.0	.5	1.5	
Art			1.5	1.5	
Industrial Arts		3.0		3.0	
Home Economics			2.0	2.0	
Librarian			1.0	1.0	
Music		1.9		1.9	
Physical Education		2.0	1.5	3.5	
Special Classes			2.0	2.0	
Class of Service			Men	Women	Total
Sum of A, B and C		25	72		97
D. Secretaries and Clerks	Total		9		9
Superintendent's Office			3		3
Health and Visiting Teacher's Office.....			1		1
High School			2		2
Junior High School			1		1
Highland			1		1
Pearl Street			1		1
E. Health Department	Total	1	1		2
Physician		1			1
Supervisor			1		1
F. Janitors and Matrons	Total	11	3		14
High School		2	1		3
Junior High School		3	1		4
Highland		2	1		3
Pearl		2			2
Lowell		1			1
Prospect .....		.5			.5
Chestnut Hill .....		.5			.5
G. Cafeteria Service	Total		5		5
High School			2		2
Junior High School			3		3

AGE-GRADE TABLE—OCTOBER 1, 1945

Age	Opportunity	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	PG Total
5 years		97												97
6 "		118	83											201
7 "	3	21	115	58										197
8 "	4	2	28	108	42									184
9 "	4		3	13	96	46								162
10 "	4			7	26	82	46	1						166
11 "	10			1	7	30	67	48	1					164
12 "	7					5	27	90	58					187
13 "	2					1	9	23	81	1				117
14 "						1	6	5	22	46	54			134
15 "						1	3	10	89	95	51			249
16 "								1	28	42	85	41		197
17 "									7	6	29	70	3	115
18 "										1	4	10		15
19 "									1	1		2		4
20 " and over									0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	238	229	187	171	165	156	170	173	171	200	169	123	3 2189

MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

School Committee Offices

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Harvard, B.S.; Teachers' College, Columbia University, M.A.;
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Thomas F. Halpin, M.D. School Physician
Boston College, B.A.; Tufts Medical School, M.D. (1943)

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Newton Hospital, R.N.; Simmons, Certificate of Public Health
Nursing; Boston University; Harvard (1939)

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Boston University, Mus.B.; Columbia Teachers' College, M.A.;
Boston Conservatory; Trinity (1945)

Warburton J. Murray
Suffolk Law School (1943)

Jean F. Ramsay
Smith College, B.A.; Columbia University, M.A.; Stockholm
Univ. and Upsala (1941) Visiting Teacher

Senior High School

Rudolf Sussmann Supervising Principal
Boston University, B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1917)

Luke Halpin Assistant Principal, Math.
Bowdoin, B.A.; Boston University, M.A.; Harvard (1922)

Royal S. Adams Science, Math.
Bates College, B.S.; Harvard, Boston University (1943)

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Boston University, B.S.; M.A. (1944)

Elizabeth A. Batchelder Com'l. Eng., Guidance
Salem Normal; Boston University, B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1916)

Elsie Bishop Librarian
Colby College, B.A.; Simmons, B.L.S.; Boston Univ. (1943)

Marion Brink French, English
Radcliffe College, B.A.; M.A.; Cert. from Inst. of France (1943)

Robert Bronner
Boston University, B.S.Ed.; M.S.Ed. (1940)

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Smith College, B.A.; Boston University, M.A. (1942)

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Radcliffe College, B.A.; Univ. of Vermont; Harvard (1943)
- Stafford J. Connor Physical Education
Univ. of New Hamp., B.S.; New York Univ., M.A. (1945)
- Virginia Cox Latin, English
Radcliffe College, A.B.; A.M. (1945)
- Alberta F. Drury Bookkeeping, Bus. Law, Arithmetic
Posse Normal, Salem Normal, B.U. (1917)
- Joseph F. Fitzgerald Math
Boston College, B.A.; M.A.; Boston Univ. (1929)
- William E. Hanlon Social Studies, German
Dartmouth College, A.B.; Boston Univ., Ed.M. (1945)
- Elizabeth Jackson Latin, English
Salem Teachers' College, Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1944)
- Albert W. Kent Director Physical Ed. and Athletics
Bowdoin, B.S.; Boston Univ.; Univ. of Maine (1943)
- Svea Kling Shorthand, Type., Bus. Eng.
Burdett College; Boston Univ., B.B.A., Harvard (1940)
- Florence G. Nichols Physical Ed.; Supervisor and Teacher
Sargent School; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; M.I.T. (1929)
- Frederick J. Pope Chemistry, Physics
Colby College, B.S.; Harvard M.Ed. (1922)
- Mary E. Shay English
Regis College, B.A.; Harvard (1943)
- Arthur L. Spencer German and Latin
Amherst College, A.B.; Brown University Grad. School, Boston Univ. (1938)
- Helen B. Stanwood Shorthand, Typewriting
Salem Teachers', B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ. M.C.S.; Harvard (1937)
- Cyrus D. Thompson Director and Teacher of Music
New Eng. Cons. of Music; Penn. State College, B.S.; Eastman School of Music, M.M.; New York Univ. (1945)
- Inez Woodberry Supervisor and Teacher of Art
Mass. School of Art, B.S.Ed. (1943)
- Helen R. Zimmerman Chemistry, Gen. Science, Biology
Wellesley College, B.A.; Purdue, M.S.; Ph.D. (1937)

Junior High School

- Robert F. Perry Supervising Principal
U. S. Naval Academy, B.S.; New Hamp. Univ.; Columbia Univ. (1935)

- William A. Rich Acting Asst. Principal, Math.
Salem Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; M.A. (1928)
- Dorothy A. Allard English
Salem Normal, Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1927)
- Harriet S. Beattie Art
Mass. School of Art, B.S.Ed. (1936)
- Lois Collemer Home Economics
Framingham Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1943)
- Ethelyn M. Cowperthwaite English
Framingham Teachers' College, Harvard Summer School; Boston Univ. (1945)
- Gladys H. Cutcliffe (Sub.) English
Salem Teachers' College; Boston Univ. (1944)
- Marian D. Day Science
Bates College; M.I.T.; Harvard (1925)
- Marian E. Drew Junior Commercial
Aroostook State Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Castine Normal; Clark Univ.; Harvard (1941)
- Grace M. Harriman Social Studies
Radcliffe College, B.A.; Harvard, M.Ed.; Stanford Univ.; College of the Pacific (1928)
- Genevieve P. Hook Latin, English, French
Univ. of Vermont, A.B.; Radcliffe College, A.M. (1931)
- Louise B. Jenkins Social Studies
Bridgewater Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard (1920)
- Inez H. Lewis Math.
Gorham Normal; Boston Univ. (1923)
- Roderick E. Macdonald Shop
Fitchburg Teachers' College (1937)
- Clifford R. Nelson General Science
Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1937)
- John Pacino Physical Ed., Hygiene
Tufts, B.S. (1944)
- Anna M. Reck Math.
Radcliffe College, B.A.; Boston Univ. (1928)
- Neil C. Robinson Social Studies
Mass. State College, B.S.; Boston Univ.; Harvard (1936)
- Edna Rohwedder English
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ.; Harvard (1936)
- Arthur D. Simonds, Jr. Social Studies
Boston Univ., B.R.E.; M.A. (1944)

Stanley H. Smithers	Music, J.H.S.
Syracuse Univ., B.M.; Boston Univ., S.S. (1945)	
Clinton H. Stevens, Jr.	Shop
Fitchburg Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1944)	
Margaret Tyacke	Physical Ed., Hygiene
Harvard Summer School; Boston Univ. (1926)	
Frederick Wales	Shop
Fitchburg Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1942)	
Helen A. Walker	Math., Social Studies
Framingham Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1941)	
Albert H. Woodward	Math., Social Studies
Amherst College, B.A.; Boston Univ., M.Ed. (1941)	

Highland School

Elizabeth Graham	Supervising Principal
Framingham Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; M.Ed. Harvard (1941)	
Doris Bailey	Grade 5
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Univ. of Mich., Columbia Univ. (1945)	
Dorothy L. Burgess	Grade 3
Leslie Normal; Boston Univ. (1926)	
Jean M. Butters	Grade 5
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ. (1936)	
Dorothy L. Cronin	Grade 2
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Boston Univ. (1933)	
Eileen Cummings	Grade 1
Wheelock, B.S.Ed. (1945)	
R. Hilda Gaffney	Grade 6
Boston University, B.S.Ed. (1941)	
Matilda J. Gamble	Grade 5
Woburn High School; Boston Univ. (1920)	
Virginia M. Linden	Grade 4
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)	
Edith M. McQuaide	Grade 6
Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.Ed.; Tufts, M.A. (1940)	
Florence A. Potter	Grade 5
Plymouth Normal; Boston Univ. (1926)	

Eleanor Skahill	Grade 4
Bridgewater Teachers' College, B.S.Ed., Boston Univ. (1943)	
Florence V. Thackleberry	Grade 6
Plymouth Normal; Boston Univ. (1931)	

Pearl Street School

Maude E. Adlington	Supervising Principal
Simmons College; Boston Univ.; Harvard (1936)	
Ruth Carey	Grade 1
Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1943)	
Marion B. Cushman	Grade 4
Framingham Teachers' College; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed.; Harvard M.Ed. (1945)	
Hazel S. Davis	Grade 6
Gorham Normal (1945)	
Carolyn C. Grace	Grade 5
North Adams Normal; Boston Univ.; Hyannis Teachers' College (1919)	
A. Josephine Guild	Grade 1
Hyannis Normal; N. E. Conservatory; Perry Normal; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1944)	
Frances Haskins	Grade 3
Aroostook State Normal (1943)	
Velma E. Herrick	Grade 1
Perry Kindergarten School; Boston Univ.; Tufts (1927)	
Beth G. MacGregor	Grade 1
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1943)	
Mary W. Moore	Grade 5
Provincial, N.S., Normal School; Boston Univ., B.S.Ed. (1941)	
Elizabeth Robinson	Grade 2
Wheelock, Hyannis Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)	
Helen D. Stockwell	Special Class
Salem Normal; Boston Univ. (1930)	
Lois Taylor	Grade 3
Wheelock College, B.S. (1945)	
Margaret Traquair	Special Class
Salem Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)	
Myrla Wilbur	Grade 6
Lowell State Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1945)	

Doris V. Williams	Grade 3
Milwaukee State Teachers' College; Fitchburg Teachers' College, B.S.Ed. (1944)	

Lowell Street School

Nellie P. Beaton	Principal, Grade 4
Hyannis Teachers' College; Boston Univ. (1920)	
Isabel W. Carley	Grade 3
Salem Normal; Penn. State College (1928)	
Helen F. Frederic	Grade 1
Farmington Normal (1945)	
Jessie L. Goddard	Grade 2
Bridgewater Normal; Boston Univ. (1937)	

Prospect Street School

Charlotte M. Burnham	Grade 1
Hartford Seminary Foundation, B.S.E.; Trinity College, A.M. (1945)	
Grace L. Gifford	Grade 1
Wheelock (1943)	
Jean E. Hertel	Grade 2
Mt. Holyoke, A.B.; Boston Univ. (1945)	
Alberta R. Mathieson	Grade 2
Salem Normal (1936)	
Catherine Chipman	Grade 3
Lowell State Teachers' College (1944)	
Helena A. Markham	Grade 4
Framingham State Teachers' College (1934)	

Chestnut Hill School

Irene Royea	Principal, Grades 1 and 2
Aroostook State Normal; Boston Univ. (1928)	
Clara A. Anderson	Grades 3 and 4
Gorham Normal; Boston Univ. (1944)	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1945

To the School Committee

Reading, Massachusetts

Mrs. Earley, Mrs. Milton and Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my seventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools, which is the fifty-third of a series of annual reports describing the work in the Reading Public Schools.

During this year we have witnessed the end of the second world conflict and have successfully demonstrated our ability to uphold our way of life against the challenge of the dictatorships of Europe and the Far East. The struggle heightened the cooperation and the unity of everyone in the Reading school system. Through victory loan drives, clothing drives, rationing procedures, and civilian defense, both pupils and teachers have worked enthusiastically with community groups to further the war effort. The induction of nine men teachers in the Armed Services and the large turnover of the teaching personnel have made it difficult to procure the continuity of teaching service which would have prevailed under normal circumstances.

Purposes of Education

Due to the many problems we have had to meet during the past few years and the ingenuity we have had to display in meeting them, the people have begun to realize that our schools must give our youth an education beyond the fundamental skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. True, the deficiencies of the draftees showed we must be more thorough in teaching the fundamental tools of learning but our men in the armed forces excelled primarily because they had received school training of a much broader nature than had been offered in other countries. We have encouraged youth to use their judgments and defend their own opinions so that they have developed an understanding of, and appreciation for, individual liberty.

Before the beginning of the war the American policies commission outlined the four basic purposes of Education in American Democracy and the teachers in the Reading schools have continually emphasized the value of these purposes. They may be briefly outlined as follows: Self-realization, human relationship, economic efficiency and civic responsibility.

The first of these purposes places emphasis on developing the individual pupil to attain the highest achievement of which he is capable. Through study and diagnosis of each pupil's difficulties, our teachers are helping our pupils to learn as efficiently as possible.

Our classes are groups of individual pupils which, in turn, are divided into smaller groups within the class itself. This method of grouping individuals gives an opportunity for pupils who learn at about the same rate to progress together. It often develops opportunities for group leadership. In working together on a given piece of work pupils learn to understand others through actual cooperation.

The third purpose is to help individual pupils through a carefully worked out guidance program. In this program the home-room teacher studies each pupil under his supervision and helps him construct some occupational objective within his abilities and interests. Guidance counselling also helps the child to make adjustments to the world, and to understand social relationships better.

The fourth purpose emphasizes practices in civic responsibility through participating in, and contributing to, the student organizations in the school;—through the development of loyalty to democratic ideals.

High School Teachers Study School Problems

The faculty of the Senior High School with the superintendent and the High School principal this year has studied and discussed reports and studies emphasizing broader service to the youth of to-day.

Certain changes in the curriculum seem imminent and the High School faculty is studying these to determine their value to the youth of Reading. We feel that we should take advantage of good practices in other school systems but they should be adapted to our needs only after careful analysis and recognition of their value in our educational program.

Changes in School Membership and Personnel

The war has made significant changes in both the Elementary School and the Senior High School enrollments. From the point of view of numbers of students the war has had little or no effect on the Junior High School.

The entire school membership on October 1, 1945, was as follows:

Senior High School	495
Junior High School	514
Elementary Schools	1,180
Total	2,189

Elementary School membership on October 1, 1945.

	Grade 1	2	3	4	5	6	Opp.	Total
Pearl	106	75	71	69	59	59	34	473
Highland	33	37	35	30	106	97		338
Prospect	47	58	37	36				178
Lowell	32	45	22	23				122
Chestnut Hill	20	14	22	13				69
Total	238	229	187	171	165	156	34	1180

If we compare these figures with those of each year since 1940, we find distinctive changes in the school population.

School	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
High School	681	599	548	491	508	495
Junior High	533	524	521	514	524	514
Elementary	1063	1093	1103	1150	1152	1180
	2277	2216	2172	2155	2184	2189

The war has hit the High School membership hard. Boys in large numbers have left school to join the armed forces. Many others—both boys and girls—have left for employment in war industries. Between 1940 and 1945 the High School membership fell from 681 to 495. It is not expected to rise significantly until the induction of young men is terminated or modified—the armed forces are now advising students to finish their high school courses and are deferring them for this purpose. In the fall of 1946 there should be 40 or 50 more students in the High School because the graduating class is small and the incoming sophomore class is large.

During this period when the school membership fell off, the High School faculty was reduced by two regular teachers. In the place of one of these teachers a librarian was substituted to permit the instructional service to be more effective. We now have, thanks to Mrs. Edward Raymond's generous gift and additional books purchased by the School Committee, a fine working students' library of 2500 volumes effectively administered by a trained librarian. This service has been a great asset to both teachers and pupils.

A directly opposite trend has been operating in the Elementary Schools—their enrollments have increased from 1063 in 1940 to 1180 in 1945, a total of 117 pupils. Because the Elementary School classes were crowded in 1940, it was necessary to add three regular teachers and one special teacher during the last five years. Two regular teachers have been added to the faculty of Prospect School and one to Pearl. The Prospect School was unable to house the additional pupils so they had to be assigned to two rooms in the Junior High School building made vacant by reorganizing the Junior High School. This meant added construction in the cafeteria so that it might be used as a class room. The limit to which the Junior High School organization can absorb pupils from the Prospect Street School district has been reached. Relief can come only by putting pupils on half-day sessions or immediately starting construction of the new school on Summer Avenue and Oak Street. Transportation to other schools is out of the question because their enrolments are up to capacity now and the school lots at Prospect and at Chestnut Hill are so small that there is no room for portable buildings.

The school housing problems in the Elementary Schools have been accumulating for a number of years. The effect of this accumulation can clearly be seen when one realizes that if the Summer Avenue School were to be opened today, it would enroll nearly 350 pupils, or over 400 if it included kindergartens! True, this would relieve the Highland School of three fifth and three sixth grades but, at the present rate of growth of Elementary School enrolment the capacity of the Summer Avenue School will be reached within three or four years after it is built.

At the same time it should be realized that the Pearl Street School has reached its capacity and next year an additional room must be constructed in the basement to house the incoming first-year pupils. A number of classes at Pearl Street School have 36 to 40 pupils in them. This number is too large for effective classroom instruction. Nor will the construction of this Summer Avenue School give must relief to the Pearl Street School. A solution to the present predicament can be seen in the purchase of land at or near Birch Meadow, now — for future construction of an Elementary School there. This will be needed by 1950 at the present rate of growth of Elementary School membership.

During the year there have been 23 changes in personnel throughout the school system. Three veterans returning from the armed forces—Mr. Arthur Spencer and Mr. Robert Bronner from the Navy, and Mr. Arthur Griffin from the Army Air Corps, are included in this number. Mr. Griffin stayed with us only a month. He succeeded Mr. Herman Wheeler and was in turn, succeeded by Mr. Bronner. These changes, due to military leave, were all in the High School. This school also had four other changes, the Junior High School three changes, and the Elementary Schools 13 including an addition of one teacher to the Prospect Street School staff. Since 1940 there have been 99 changes in a teaching personnel of 96 people! Obviously, many of the new teachers stayed only a year or two. In some teaching positions three or four teachers covered the same assignment at various times during the period. Under these circumstances, it has been difficult to maintain the same continuity of work we have enjoyed in normal times. It is hoped, however, that the termination of the war period and the new salary schedule will help to retain our staff members for a longer time, — though the very low enrolments in Teachers' Colleges and Schools of Education lead to the conclusion that the bidding for teachers will last for some years to come.

School Costs About Average

Providing present educational facilities in the Reading public school costs about the average amount so expended throughout the State as a whole.

Expenditure figures for the major divisions of the school budget have been issued by the State Department of Education based on the

school returns for the school year of 1944-45, and in this study the per pupil costs were figured by using the net average membership.

In the tables worked out by the State Department the average per pupil expenditure for 1944-45 for the entire State was \$139.07; for Reading this figure was \$135.86. In the following table will be found the breakdown of these per-pupil costs by divisions of the budget and also the percentage of our budget for individual division of the budget as against the budget as a whole.

Per-pupil Expenditures School Year 1944-45

Items	State		Reading	
	Dollars	Per cent	Dollars	Per cent
General Control	\$ 5.49	3.9	\$ 6.00	4.3
Salaries	97.43	70.1	96.77	71.2
Textbooks	1.54	1.1	1.65	1.2
Other Expenses (supplies, etc.)	3.50	2.5	4.61	3.4
Operation	17.20	12.4	18.61	13.7
Repairs	5.11	3.7	2.98	2.1
Libraries .....	.13	....	.01	....
Health	2.31	1.7	2.34	1.7
Transportation	3.73	2.7	2.84	2.1
Tuition	1.23	.9	.03	.2
Miscellaneous	1.40	1.0	.02	.1
Total	\$139.07	100.0	\$135.86	100.0

Our General Control is a little higher than the State's because the committee rooms and the superintendent's office are in a separate building. In nearly all the other school systems these are located in a school building where the costs are absorbed. Reading's expenditure for salaries is a little lower than the average and its expenditure for textbooks a trifle higher.

The figure on operation reflects the need of keeping up relatively old buildings, and until these are replaced by new ones, this figure will remain high. There is a contrast between the State's figure and Reading's figure as regards repairs. The very low figure for Reading has resulted from strict reduction of repair items in the budget—this is rather doubtful economy and will add increased expenditures in future budgets.

In Reading during 1944-45 transportation was lower than the State average in accordance with our compliance with the regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation during the war.

The figures in the table show that during the last year of World War II per-pupil expenditures in Reading were not unduly high—as a matter of record, they were just about average.

Maintenance of School Plant

Every business faces the need to operate and maintain its plant so that the upkeep will be normal from year to year. The larger the plant and the longer it has been built, the greater will be the maintenance costs. In Reading our school buildings range from 6 to 70 years old.

The present assessed valuations on these school buildings are as follows:

School	Type	Location	Assessed Valuation
Senior High School	Brick	Sanborn Street	\$189,825
Junior High School and bleachers	Brick	Temple Street	355,325
Pearl Street School	Brick	Pearl Street	219,550
Highland School	Brick	Middlesex Avenue	157,800
Prospect St. School	Frame	Prospect Street	30,075
Lowell St. School	Frame	Lowell Street	24,850
Chestnut Hill School	Frame	Hopkins Street	7,900
Grouard House and Garage	Frame	School Street	7,025

Total assessed valuation \$992,350

Besides this \$992,350 valuation of school buildings there exists an assessed valuation of \$43,825 on the land upon which they are located. If we add to these figures the estimated value of \$105,400 for all the equipment in the schools, we have a total of \$1,141,575 invested in school property. A business with this amount of capital assets would undoubtedly set aside at least 2% for maintenance of buildings. Two per cent of the \$992,350 valuation of buildings comes to \$19,847. In 1945 the School Department expended \$9,484.18 for plant maintenance—and \$9,936.50 was allowed for maintenance in 1946. These figures show clearly that our school property will be in great need of repair in the near future. If maintenance of buildings is not kept up, future costs for repairs will be needlessly great. A reasonable way out of this dilemma is to develop a long term itemized program of painting and repair so that in each year an assigned amount of work will be done and this work be a part of a 5 or 10 year plan. Such a program will cost a little more each year than a paired-down budget, but will cost the taxpayers less in the end.

Status of Senior High School Education

The American secondary school is becoming more and more the people's college, and many institutions of secondary school grade are beginning to provide for instruction beyond the twelfth year. Newton has recently established a thirteenth grade with courses on the first year college level. Many other school systems are offering instruction to high



Purchasing Defense Stamps, Senior High School

school graduates and adults. Wakefield High School has been designated as the Regional Veterans' Center of this area and will possibly grow into a school offering courses beyond the twelfth grade. Reading High School has, in the past, enrolled as many as forty students as post graduates. It is not unthinkable, then, to imagine the swing back to high school education creating a demand for local education beyond our twelfth grade. This is something which might well be included in plans for a new high school building.

Whether there is an immediate increase in the high school enrollment due to the termination of the war or a gradual increase due to advance from grade to grade of the rapidly increasing elementary school population, or increase due to building expansion, the Senior High School should plan to accommodate 800 students by 1950 and 1,000 by 1955. The need will be more than merely housing these pupils. Facilities such as auditorium, cafeteria, library, gymnasium and space for outside physical education should be planned now. In fact, they are present necessities if a well-rounded modern secondary school program is to be offered the young people already in High School. The High School program now in operation is, to a great extent, restricted to book-content learning because there is no room in the present building for much else. Pupils go to the Junior High School for shop, domestic arts, and athletic activities. Music and art have far from ideal conditions in the present building, yet within these physical limitations the academic instruction has not materially suffered though teachers have had to work under adverse conditions. The reports we get from various institutions of higher learning show the following facts about the 1945 graduating class:

Four students entered Boston University; 3 entered Northeastern University; 3 the Massachusetts School of Art; 2 the New England Conservatory of Music; 1 entered the University of Vermont, Smith, Bowdoin, Brown, M.I.T., University of Pennsylvania, Colby Junior College, Lasell Junior College, Vermont Junior College, State Teachers' College at Framingham, Gordon Theological College and Vesper George School of Art. Besides these, six were accepted for training as nurses, two of whom entered the Melrose Hospital training course and one each that of the Children's Hospital, Peter Bent Brigham, Symmes and Salem. Eleven graduates entered business college in Boston. Besides these students there were fourteen taking college courses who had tentatively made arrangements to enter college but had to delay their college careers because of being drafted, or accepting voluntary appointments to the armed forces.

The preparation which the High School program gives students is thorough and covers various fields. Below will be found the courses offered in the three-year program.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sophomore Year			Junior Year			Senior Year		
Subjects	Periods	Points	Subjects	Periods	Points	Subjects	Periods	Points
English II	5	5	English III	5	5	English IV	5	5
Mathematics I or II	5	5	Mathematics I, II, III	5	5	U. S. Hist. and Civics	5	5
Prac. Math. A.	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Mathematics I, II, III	5	5
French I or II	5	5	French II or III	5	5	Solid Geom. & Trig.	5	5
Latin I or II	5	5	Latin I, II or III	5	5	Math. Cn. 3	2	2
Spanish I	5	5	Spanish I or II	5	5	Adv. Arithmetic	5	5
Ancient History	5	5	Mod. Eur. History	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
World History	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	French III or IV	5	5
Biography A	7	7	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Latin II, III or IV	5	5
Biography B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Spanish II or III	5	5
Bookkeeping I	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Stenography I	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Typewriting I	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Art Appreciation	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Music Appreciation	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
A Cappella Choir	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Band	3	3	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Orchestra	1	1	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Boys Glee Club	2	2	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Girls Glee Club	2	2	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Industrial Arts	15	15	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Practical Arts	15	15	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5
Physical Education	2	2	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5	Prac. Math. A or B	5	5

57 points are required for graduation. All pupils should take certain basic courses including three years of English, one year of United States History and Civics, one year of mathematics (Bookkeeping acceptable) and one other history course. Physical Education is required.

Owing to the limited facilities for Physical Education only about one-third of the High School students can take gymnasium work. There is no opportunity to have any out-of-door physical development due to lack of space.

In this connection Major General Louis B. Hersey pleads with school authorities to increase the physical educational program of American youth. In a recent article he stated: "Of the 17,000,000 registrants between 18 and 37 years of age who were physically examined, about 5,000,000 were rejected for military service. Roughly, about 30% of American young manhood has been found physically unfit to bear arms in the National Defense. I cannot help but feel that our educational system—from kindergarten through colleges and universities—has neglected one of its most important responsibilities; that of preserving the balance between physical, mental and emotional. That balance must be restored. Without physical strength and emotional stability, youth cannot, and will not, be capable of utilizing to the fullest the knowledge imparted to them in our schools. The child spends so much of its time in the school that the school must assume a very large responsibility for his entire development."

An increased interest in Industrial Arts during the last five years has resulted in a growth in that department from 40 students in 1941 to 77 students in 1945. This growth necessitated the addition of one shop teacher in 1941. During the same period the enrollment in the Home Economics classes has declined. Many pupils prefer to stay in the High School building rather than walk over to the Junior High School. This is particularly true of the girls during inclement weather.

The preferences of the students in the High School indicate that there is no decided need for a vocational school in connection with the High School. There is, however, considerable interest in Industrial Arts as a part of a general educational program. Instruction in this field can become a very important part of the education of Reading youth who, together with the youth of the nation, should have some experience with, and knowledge of, industrial processes, if for no other reason than that they will be consumers in an expanding industrial world.

Survey of High School Commercial Work

During the year Miss Svea Kling of the Commercial Department made a thorough study of the work our graduates are doing in the commercial field. Her conclusions are here outlined as an evidence of the results we are obtaining in these courses:

1. On the whole, the Reading High School seems to be filling the needs of these students.
2. Since most students are using stenography on the job, it is desirable to continue teaching it in the high school.

3. The three-year secretarial program apparently gives our students an advantage over those students graduating from schools with a two-year program, and our graduates realize and appreciate it.

4. Since most of our students work in the Boston area, the training should be directed toward the kind of work found in Boston rather than elsewhere.

5. The high school is doing an excellent job of finding positions—and desirable ones—for its graduates, and the students realize and appreciate this.

6. Due to the fact that labor was scarce most of the students did not have to take employment tests; therefore, in the years following the war, probably more and more testing will be done.

7. Salaries are high due to scarcity of labor. Experience does not seem to count for much, since the average salary varies little in the four classes; the class of 1945, in fact, having a higher average salary than the class of 1942! This condition, however, is abnormal, and will probably right itself in the years to come.

8. On the whole, the students have done well on their first jobs, as the majority are still working for the same firms. This indicates not only efficiency on the job, but also a well-adjusted personality. It may also, however, indicate lack of ambition.

9. Although the National Clerical Ability Test and the job folder did not figure prominently during these years, they will become increasingly important when jobs are less plentiful.

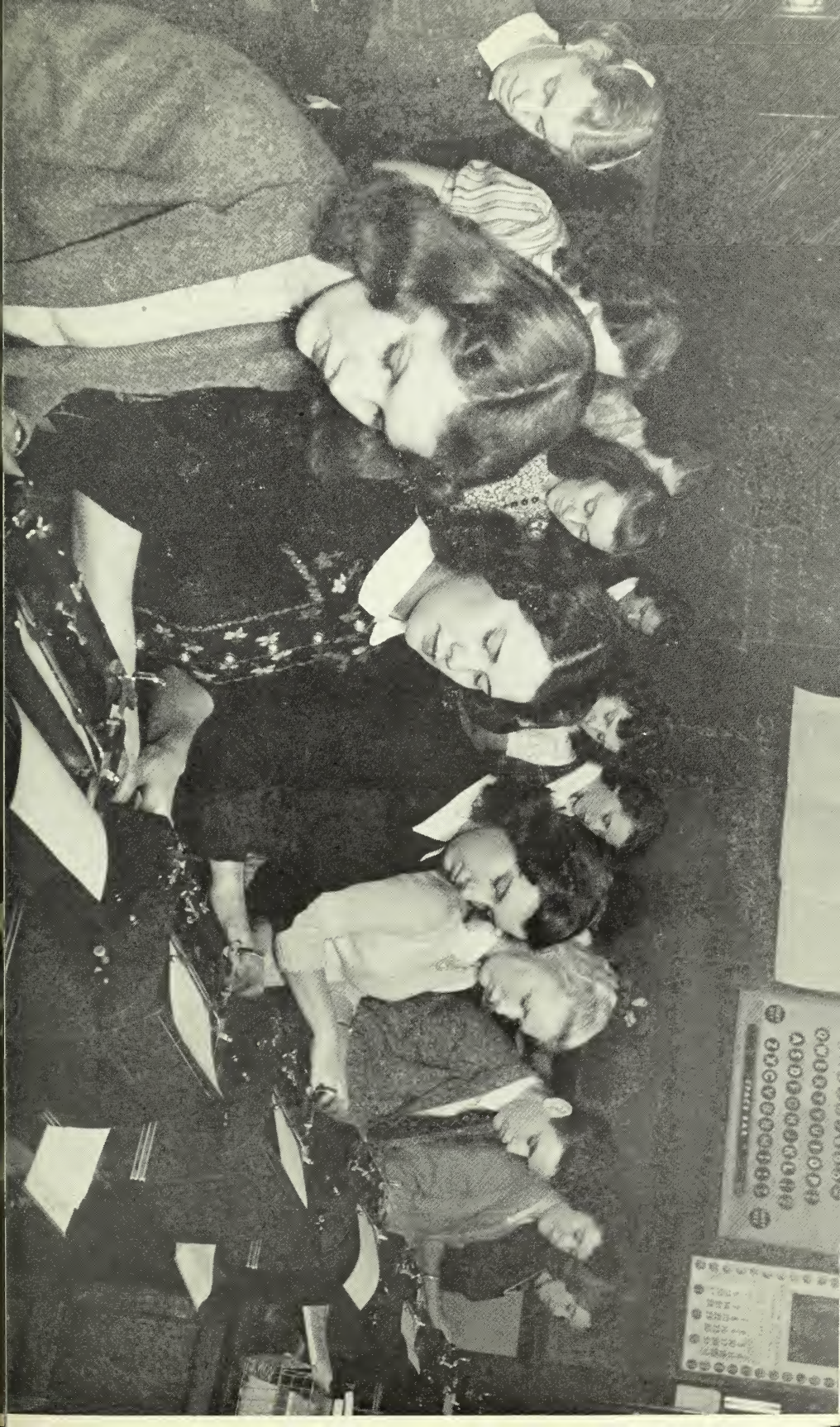
10. The average student found English the most valuable subject in spite of its unpopularity while in school.

11. Most of the students reported history as the least helpful subject. This is probably due to two reasons: first, girls in the commercial department, strangely enough, do not particularly like history; second, history is one of those subjects whose direct influence is difficult to trace but whose indirect influence can be of great importance.

12. Although there is no co-operative work plan at the Reading High School, most of these students did part-time work while at school. Whether or not this will continue when jobs are less plentiful is questionable. It would be desirable for all to do part-time work as part of their training, particularly if it were done under a trained high school supervisor.

13. Many students seem to feel that the school helped them a great deal socially as well as scholastically.

14. The principal weakness seems to lie in the fact that inadequate preparation is given in office machines. This is due to lack of sufficient machines for proper instruction, lack of space to keep these machines, and lack of time (both for students and for teachers) for proper instruction.



Commercial Class, Senior High School

The High School issued last spring a detailed program of studies to aid its own students and the 9th grade of the Junior High School to develop thorough teacher-guidance a pattern of courses which would most nearly meet individual objectives. It was so made that a student desiring to enter any profession, trade, or other work could see how the High School could help him. This publication was of great assistance both to teachers and pupils.

During the last two or three years Reading High School teachers, due to the decline in enrollments, have had the opportunity to accomplish much more intensive and individual work with students. This has increased the per capita cost somewhat though it has demonstrated what can be done with smaller classes.

High School Building Needs

During the summer the superintendent made a study developing a plan for a Senior High School, which would be economical, yet contain adequate facilities for 800 students to pursue an academic program and utilize service units such as auditorium, library, cafeteria, gymnasium, etc., of sufficient size to care for 1000 students as the numbers increased. As an initial step in this study the High School teachers were asked to present their ideas concerning adequate space and accommodations for their work. Many conferences were held with the principal in shaping up the fundamental elements of the plan. These conferences, together with considerable research and school visiting, resulted in the following outline of good, economical accommodations for a functional high school of 800 students:

1. Site—not less than 15 acres. (The Connecticut School Building Code recommends a minimum of 10 acres for an 800-pupil school. The standard published by N. L. Engelhardt, Associate Superintendent of the New York City Schools, is 20 acres. Many of the midwestern communities are acquiring very large acreage—looking toward a developing air age. Incidentally, a trip through Massachusetts, Connecticut, Eastern New York and Long Island showed that many schools were built on 25 to 50 acres of land, and usually away from the center of population.
2. Twenty-three academic class rooms—the present High School has 16.
3. Three science rooms including laboratories with small storage rooms between them.
4. Commercial rooms would include two typewriting rooms—one large and one small (for advanced students). This latter room would be separated from a business machine room by a glass partition (for economical supervision)—and a rather large bookkeeping room.
5. An auditorium with a capacity of 1000 seats, with stage, two small dressing rooms, a stage craft room in which scenery can be con-

structed and with adequate cupboard and storage space. Fire exits from the stage were also included.

6. Large double gymnasium similar to that in the Junior High School, with adequate locker and shower space for both boys and girls. A team room was included so that members of the visiting team could use the showers in the general locker room thus saving expense for separate showers.

7. Library to seat 100 pupils with two small rooms at one end, one of these rooms to be used for a work room and the other for reference material.

8. Cafeteria in which 375 pupils could be served at a time. In a room of this capacity 1000 pupils could be served in three shifts. Adequate kitchen facilities and a small teachers' eating room were planned.

9. Music room for instrumental classes located near the stage so that there would be little need to carry instruments a long way in order to set up an orchestra or band in the auditorium pit.

10. Home economics was planned in a long double room with glass partition between the sewing and cooking units. Off one side of this room two small rooms were planned, one as a demonstration room and one as a workshop for upholstery, slipcover making, etc.

11. General shop for Industrial Arts where general wood and metal work would be taught as well as automobile and airplane mechanics, drafting, graphic arts, etc.

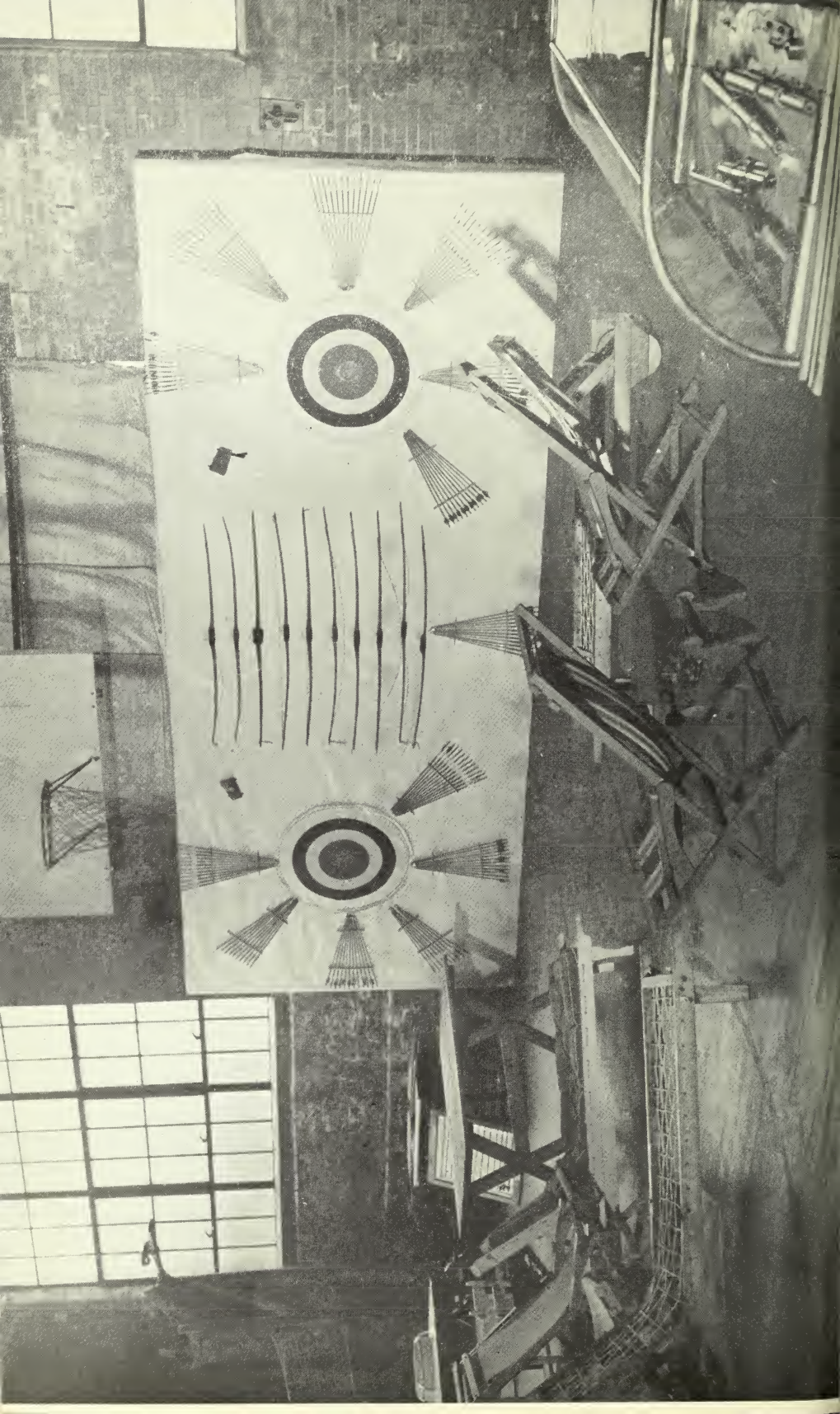
12. A large room was planned for the work in art. At one end there would be benches for crafts work and at the other for drawing, painting, poster work and the like. In such a set-up one teacher could supervise all the work until the classes became too large.

13. Nurse's and physician's rooms. The area of a standard classroom was divided so that there would be ample space for an examining room, nurse's office, eye testing space, rest room, and a dental clinic which would replace the present clinic in the Grouard House.

14. Principal's office. Adequate space was provided for easy handling of the business of the school by arranging for a general office, principal and vice principal's offices, storage and mimeograph room and two small conference rooms for guidance counselors. This would give accommodations similar to those we now have but sufficient space has been added so that the general office and guidance work can be done more efficiently.

15. Superintendent's office and School Committee room would be located on the other side of the general office from that of the principal's office so that the maximum economy can result in use of secretarial and clerical help and general office accommodations.

Industrial Arts, Junior High School Shop Work



16. Miscellaneous rooms. Adequate facilities have been planned for lavatories, boiler room, storage room for books and supplies, a visual education room, two teachers' rooms, one for men and one for women, and two small auxiliary rooms for student activities.

The specifications for these rooms were drawn up with great care and approved by the School Committee after thorough study and discussion. They were then given to the architect as the basis for his work in drafting a building to house them.

The development of the curriculum to be taught in this building has been so planned that very little additional teaching force will be necessary unless and until the increase in enrollment warrants. The plans of the building have been so made that curriculum changes can be incorporated without the necessity of structural changes.

If the building were placed at Birch Meadow, rooms could be added from time to time without difficulty as the school population grew. A building so situated would still be adequate — with sufficient additions, for the predicted maximum growth of the high school population in 1970.

Our heritage rests in our youth and the better we can provide for their training and education, the more guarantee we have of the continuation of our democratic way of life.

Junior High School Education

The Junior High School organization was established in Reading some 25 years ago after a thorough study of its benefits by the school administration at that time.

The development of elementary schools in the town has been planned to dovetail with the Junior High School plan. This is what is called the 6-3-3 plan.

Educators, physicians, social workers and others had recognized and studied the peculiar need of young people in this rapidly changing life-period of from 12 to 15 years of age. They found young people of this age needed to be treated as individuals and to explore all sorts of interests as try-outs to find themselves and to make better adjustments to people of their own age and to the world in which they must take their places. They sorely needed guidance from teachers who were specialists in their own fields and students of pupil behavior. The Junior High School offered this opportunity.

This organization is distinguished by certain definite purposes which have often been outlined. Among them may be found the following:

The Purpose of the Junior High School

1. To make a better adaptation of the courses of study to the needs of the early adolescent period.



3. The work of the upper grades did not articulate with the work of the first year of the senior high school.

4. Pupils were taught and handled en masse.

5. The number of pupils in grades seven and eight were too small to organize a modern program with economy.

6. The traditional activities and studies of the old type school did not recognize the budding and diversified interests of early adolescence, and as a result, the discipline, the mode of instruction, and even the theory of class administration failed to meet the mental, emotional and vocational needs of adolescence.

Reading's Junior High School is providing for its pupils a well rounded education based on the abilities of its pupils. It is thorough in its instruction in subject matter and is doing excellent work in its guidance program. It is also providing opportunities for pupil participation in, and contribution to, the many school and class activities. The Student Council is a real institution in which membership is highly prized. One teacher has developed a guidance chart which holds a great deal of promise. Boys taking required shop work in the seventh grade are scored on skill with tools, workmanship attitudes, special aptitudes, ability to do a job well, economy of time in doing a piece of work, cooperation with others in a common job, etc. These scorings are entered on a guidance card and sent to the home-room teacher so that she may know her pupils' strengths and weaknesses in order better to help them.

The curriculum of the Junior High School covers a variety of studies and meets almost any interest or combination of interests which pupils may have and since all the pupils of the 7th, 8th and 9th grades are brought together in one building, the town has been able to afford the equipment and facilities which have been of material help in making the instruction as rich as possible.

The program of the school is outlined as follows:

Rhythm Band, First Grade



Reading has now grown to be a town of 13,000 and the pattern of its schools is fairly well established.

Elementary School at Work

In the Elementary grades there have been a number of activities which have increased educational opportunities for both pupils and teachers. Among these, the following have been especially significant:

Issuance of State Guides

The State Department of Education this year has issued Elementary School Guides for the primary grades, for Health, and for Art. They have been helpful in checking our own work and giving a foundation for the future development of our curriculum. The study of school readiness, school admission, and first grade objectives, written by Dr. Lawrence A. Averill, and issued by the State Department of Education was particularly helpful in studying our own situation in Reading.

Each teacher has been given a copy of these guides for study and to use as material for discussions at teachers' meetings. In introducing the guides, the superintendent analyzed the purpose and objectives of the Elementary School and suggested checking their content with current practices in the classroom.

Dr. Averill pleads for the development of kindergartens and a later school entrance age for school systems not having kindergartens. He states that "approximately 20 per cent of children fail in the first grade, —and traditionally, at least, all of these (first grade failures) must begin to read right away in spite of the patent unreadiness of the greater part of them to undertake a reading program. Failure and frustration which result at the first grade level from premature encounters with formal reading are quite as devastating to the personality of the primary child as they are to the older children who fail in any other school area." He further states "that to introduce children whose mental age is less than six years six months to formal reading is to court pedagogical disaster for them, both now and in subsequent grades." This means that the average child of 6 years 6 months chronologically should delay formal reading until he is older. This reflects on our early school entrance age of 5 years as of April 1st of the school year just preceding the September entrance. Our teachers have found that both children and teachers find adjustment difficult because the children are not sufficiently mature to profit by group instruction. This is particularly true since Reading schools have no kindergartens in which pre-reading readiness is developed. Certainly our schools could rise to higher attainment if our pupils, on the average, were more mature when we got them. A solution, however, may be found in the establishment of kindergartens.

Curriculum Revision

A group of teachers representing each grade in the elementary school is working with the superintendent on a revision of the school curriculum. The State Department Guides form a basis for work. The projected curriculum will be in the form of units of work for each grade. Every unit will have its objective, its content material, its method of development of learning of the content by the child and its specific outcomes in skills, knowledge, attitudes and relationship with the child's own world. These units will make use of the child's interests and the material used will be on the level of the child's ability. At the end of each unit and at the end of all the units for a given grade, checks will be made to evaluate the results in terms of the child's attainments.

The development of this unit curriculum should give teachers a great deal of help in guiding the growth of their pupils.

Transportation Problems

During the war school transportation was restricted by the Office of Defense Transportation. The war ended just before school opened in September and the 1945 budget did not permit additional bus trips. The School Committee did obtain money for an additional bus at the opening of school. At present all Elementary school children living a mile or more from Pearl and Highland Schools are given bus passes to ride to school in the morning and home at night. The transportation budget for 1945 is \$7220. If this service is continued in 1946 at the same rate, the amount to be appropriated must be \$11,200.

A study of the desires of the parents in the Pearl Street district revealed that many wished their children to have lunch at the school—preferably a hot lunch in the winter—and others wished to have their children return home at noon, particularly if noon bus trips were provided. This raises the question as to whether the establishment of a cafeteria in the two largest schools would be of more permanent benefit than transportation home at noon. The first would involve an outlay for cafeterias which, when once established, would be self-supporting and the second would entail a heavy expense which would be continually recurring or increasing. The proposed articles in the town warrant include an estimate of the cost of both these alternatives. The trend throughout the country is to establish cafeterias in Elementary Schools especially where the school systems receive the aid of the State and Federal government through the War Food Administration, which partially covers the noon lunch expenses.

W. F. A. Lunch Project

We have just completed our first full year serving noon lunches in the Junior and Senior High Schools and milk in the Elementary Schools under a cooperative agreement with the War Food Administration.

Last year 17,231 lunches were served in the Senior High School and 35,827 in the Junior High. The number of bottles of milk consumed was 40,602 and 76,048, respectively. In the Elementary School 89,002 bottles of milk were distributed. This makes a total of 53,058 lunches and 205,652 bottles of milk. The lunch, including a bottle of milk, costs students 15 cents each and represents about 24 cents worth of food. The school system received 9 cents for the serving of each lunch including a bottle of milk. In the Elementary schools, each child paid 2 cents for a bottle of milk. The total expense of the project for the year was \$27,128.06 and the income \$28,188.43. Of this income, the State and Federal governments contributed \$6,066.06. In other words, the pupils in the Reading schools profited by the government's participation in the lunch program by being able to purchase more food for their money than they otherwise could. The Federal Government authorities believe this is a wise investment in the health of school children.

Religious Education

On October 1, 1945, pupils of the 9th grade were excused from school at 1:30 p. m. to form the first week-day religious education classes in Reading. These classes are sponsored by the Reading churches. The classes opened with an enrollment of 26 pupils at St. Agnes' Church and 42 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, a total enrollment of 68. At present the total enrollment is 53. The Junior High School has made arrangements to excuse pupils to attend these classes during the activity period so little or no loss is experienced by the pupils in their academic classes.

Increase in Visual Aids

Army Training Courses have demonstrated the importance of visual aids in learning. Recently, Harvard Business School has announced that in keeping with these Army findings "the school plans to lay greater emphasis on visual aids. Motion picture slides, posters and other types of visual material will be utilized beyond anything attempted in the past. Officials at the school believe that visual aids can be valuable in all of the courses." If visual aids are important tools for learning in the college, they are much more important in the instruction of younger students in our public schools. Mr. Perry has made a special plea for the provision of money for these aids on the Junior High School level. He states that "tests have demonstrated that as a result of the use of visual aids, including motion pictures, film strips, slides, charts, pictures, models and recordings, people learn 35 per cent more in a given time and retain what they learn much longer, due to the increase in attention and interest." The budget this year includes \$200 for these very important materials.

Health Program

The health program has progressed this year in spite of the many difficulties existing because of the war period. Physicians and dentists have been drafted and those remaining at home have been over-burdened. As a result, the school nurse has been extremely busy. Her work has been multiplied by an extraordinary number of home calls because of lack of doctors' services.

The most serious condition arose from poliomyelitis. There were seven victims among the school children of Reading. A widespread epidemic of grippe, intestinal grippe, and, in some instances influenza occurred in November. Colds were more prevalent than usual. Because of these conditions, the nurse recommended a careful check on these diseases by parents and the keeping home of children not able to come to school.

The school nurse reports that the most pressing health problem at the present time is how to increase the available dental facilities. The number of children in need of dental care has greatly increased. The number of dental certificates or notes indicating that all needed dental work has been completed is only 3 per cent of the elementary school enrollment as of December 31, 1945. It has been customary in the pre-war years to have a much higher percentage. Under the stimulus of an intensive educational campaign some years ago, the figure of 87 per cent was reached. The ideal of 100 per cent has never been reached nor can it be reached without added dental clinic facilities. Dental care has a direct bearing on the health of every child and, because it is so, an urgent plea is made for more extensive support of the school dental clinic.

The institution of a health counselor plan at Senior High School was accomplished. All pupils who have been absent on account of illness report to Miss Nichols the first period. An inquiry into the nature of the illness is made; where contagion is suspected, or known, or a follow-up needed, the case is referred to the doctor or the nurse. There is an excellent opportunity for much pertinent health teaching along the lines of personal hygiene in this plan. Junior High School has followed this plan for seven years.

The supervisor of health was appointed to the Steering Committee to prepare a curriculum guide for the secondary schools. She was also granted a scholarship to attend a health workshop at Harvard in July.

The Tuberculosis Program in our Reading schools has been carried on for seventeen years. During those years, research has continuously gone on and thinking has changed. The incidence of tuberculosis in the High School group is high enough to warrant X-raying for at least once during the High School period with careful follow-up. An annual place for X-raying the sophomore class is recommended by Dr. Zacks of the

State Dept. of Public Health and Dr. Henry Chadwick, pioneer and outstanding leader in tuberculosis prevention.

Last February, all High School students and teachers were given the opportunity to be X-rayed. Films were purchased by the Reading Tuberculosis Committee and an X-ray technician from the State Dept. of Public Health took the pictures. Ninety-two per cent availed themselves of this privilege, no tuberculosis was found, and two follow-up cases were reported.

Diphtheria Prevention Work—It is our aim to immunize in the infant and pre-school group, a group hard to reach. The ideal is 100% immunization upon entering school. Our record for 1945 was 87%.

Pre-School Registration—Registration of children entering school in last September was held in March. One hundred and ninety-eight children registered school entrance. Of this number, all had the requested examination and returned the physical record card to school.

Every effort has been made to make our school health program an integral part of the community health program and to base the program in the school on community as well as school needs.

Word of Appreciation

I wish to add a few words in appreciation of the members of the Reading School Committee who have worked on the common problems confronting the schools in these difficult war years. The Committee members have given generously of their time in studying transportation problems, personnel problems, school building problems, salary schedule problems and the many other problems which constantly confront a school system. They have worked earnestly and hard in the interest of the pupils in our schools. I am happy to work with such a committee.

The teachers and other personnel in the school system should be complimented for their loyalty and interest in their work during these troublesome times. Without their help, the education of the pupils in our schools would have suffered greatly.

Respectfully submitted,

ELBRIDGE C. GROVER,
Superintendent of Schools

READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1945

Outdoor Exercises, Junior High School Field

Wednesday Afternoon, June Sixth

Four o'clock

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Marilyn L. Gunn

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class and Band

PRAYER—Reverend Charles F. Lancaster

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SALUTATORY

"The Time is Now"

Kenneth Philip Roberts

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TORCH ORATION—"Thank You for the Memories"

Marilyn L. Gunn, Class President

ESSAY—"Not By Bread Alone"

Barbara Mae Johnson, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"Youth, Get One Foot in the Door!"

Virginia Blanchard Morss, Class Honors

GOD IN NATURE

Beethoven

AN EVENING'S PASTORALE

Shaw

A Cappella Choir

ESSAY—"The Miracle Wrought by the Typewriter"

F. Blanche Stalliday, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"What Makes America Tick?"

Margaret T. Lyons, Class Honors

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VALEDICTORY

"The Watchword"

Paul Lesure

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Irving C. Austin, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA

Smith-Carey

Audience, Senior Class and Band

BENEDICTION—Reverend Charles F. Lancaster

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Doris Elaine Anderson
Irene S. Arthur
Ernest Garcelon Babcock, Jr.
Doris Helen Bain
Sylvia Nannette Batchelder
Donald W. Bateman
Robert Alan Batting
Helen Marie Beck
Ruth Elizabeth Billingham
‡Robert C. Blaikie, Jr.
Pauline Ann Blake
Edward Dewey Bloom
Richard John Brennan
*Donald Allen Brock
Lorraine Margaret Brogan
Beverly Brooks
Robert Earl Brooks
Elizabeth Claire Brown
Janice Louise Brown
Annie Carney
Gladys Mary Carter
Paul N. Chapman
Lawrence W. Colford
Mary Collins
Dorothy Lee Conron
Bertha Locke Corliss
Ann C. Crouse
Jean H. Crouse
Stewart Preston Crowell, Jr.

Lena R. Lucci
Margaret T. Lyons
Orilla M. MacLean
Stuart S. MacLeod
*Herbert Frank Maine
Elinor Estelle Martin
Robert Glen Mathieson
Eleanore Cecilia McKenna
Charles Louis Meaige, Jr.
Melvin Edward Merrill
Helen Ruth Merithew
Raymond Merritt
Edith A. Meuse
Ruth Milton
Virginia Blanchard Morss
Eleanor A. Munroe
Shirley Myott
Robert Joseph Neagle
Robert John Nelson
Dwight Newman
†Charles M. Nickerson
Eleanor Mary Nigro
Daniel Fairfield Norwood
Gerard A. Owen
Dorothy M. Parshley
*Eugene William Pendergas†
Constance Elaine Peterson
Richard Eugene Piercy
Russell Francis Pollitz

*James B. Currell
 Beverly Jean Dalton
 *Raymond H. Davies
 Lucille Brooks Dewey
 Theodore S. D'Orlando
 Albert David Doucette
 *Peter Nelson Doucette
 Julia Keith Eastman
 James Talbot Emery
 Priscilla Fancy
 William Alfred Fennelly
 David Earle Fische
 Genevieve Marie Flater
 Glenna Marguerite Flater
 Barbara Flint
 Richard Hamilton Ford
 Robert Frederick Fortier
 Shirley Anne Foster
 Jeanne Lillian Fuller
 Anastasia Mary Gavin
 Kathryn Ann Geary
 Dorothy Gonzalo
 Robert Arthur Griffin
 Marilyn L. Gunn
 Richard Arthur Hagan
 Eleanor Adene Hatfield
 Robert L. Heaton
 Alan Bruce Hodges
 Eleanor Jean Horton
 Calvin Sweetser Hughson
 Barbara Ann Hutchins
 Lillian Lorraine Jehu
 Elizabeth Claudette Jigerjian
 Barbara Mae Johnson
 Jacqueline Rita Keefe
 Avis Shirley Knight
 Grace Elizabeth Lander
 Melvin C. Lane, Jr.
 *Martin Arthur Lappin
 *Frank Howard Leach
 Paul Lesure
 Thelma Leona Libbey

Nancy June Pomeroy
 Charles C. Power
 *Wilson James Powers
 Arthur Ernest Proctor
 Norma K. Raymond
 Patricia Margaret Riessle
 Donald Keith Roberts
 Kenneth Philip Roberts
 Mildred Elizabeth Roberts
 David Franklin Rollins
 Robert E. Ryer
 Donna Ruth Shulkey
 Edith Marjorie Smith
 F. Blanche Stalliday
 Raphnel Staples
 Francis Malcolm Saint Hilaire
 Muriel K. Stiles
 Donald J. Sullivan
 Dorothy Mae Sullivan
 Elizabeth L. Surette
 Ruth A. Surette
 Margaret Ellen Tanner
 Philips Van Campen Taylor
 Marie J. Theodorou
 Robert Harding Thomas
 Marie Elizabeth Titcomb
 Gloria Elizabeth Toussaint
 Eleanor Wallace
 John J. Watson
 Jean Frances Wellings
 Phyllis E. Wheeler
 Arthur William White
 George R. White
 Jacqueline Agnes White
 James C. White
 Mary G. White
 *Dana S. Williams
 Margaret Ann Williams
 Thomas William Wilshere
 Virginia R. Wright
 Elmer Edwin Young, Jr.

*In Armed Services.

‡Member of Class of '37.

†Member of Class of '40.

Present Use
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Too Few Shelves?

The Reading Public Library is doing a whale of a job! That may not be elegance of expression but it best pictures, in the thoughts of the Board of Library Trustees, the summation of the place your Public Library fills in the broad agenda of community service. Facts and figures justify this contention.

Perhaps our present condition has grown upon us so gradually that those who use the Library have not realized just how much of a job is being done and how inadequate are the facilities for doing it. But really, the reader cannot handle books understandingly, and with corresponding enjoyment, unless there is room to stretch a bit.

What the Library needs is more elbow room!

Built for a town of 5,000 people and for circulating 15,000 books, the building has, in 15 years, become heavily stocked with reading matter of all descriptions—in many cases not enough books for the patrons and, without question, too many books for the shelves.

(The report of the librarian on a following page will show the extent to which your Public Library is used.)

Book shelves have encroached upon the reading room. The homey, club-like atmosphere has been lost in a labyrinth of piece-meal carpentry which has provided storage space at the expense of the all-important elbow room that goes with educational and recreational reading.

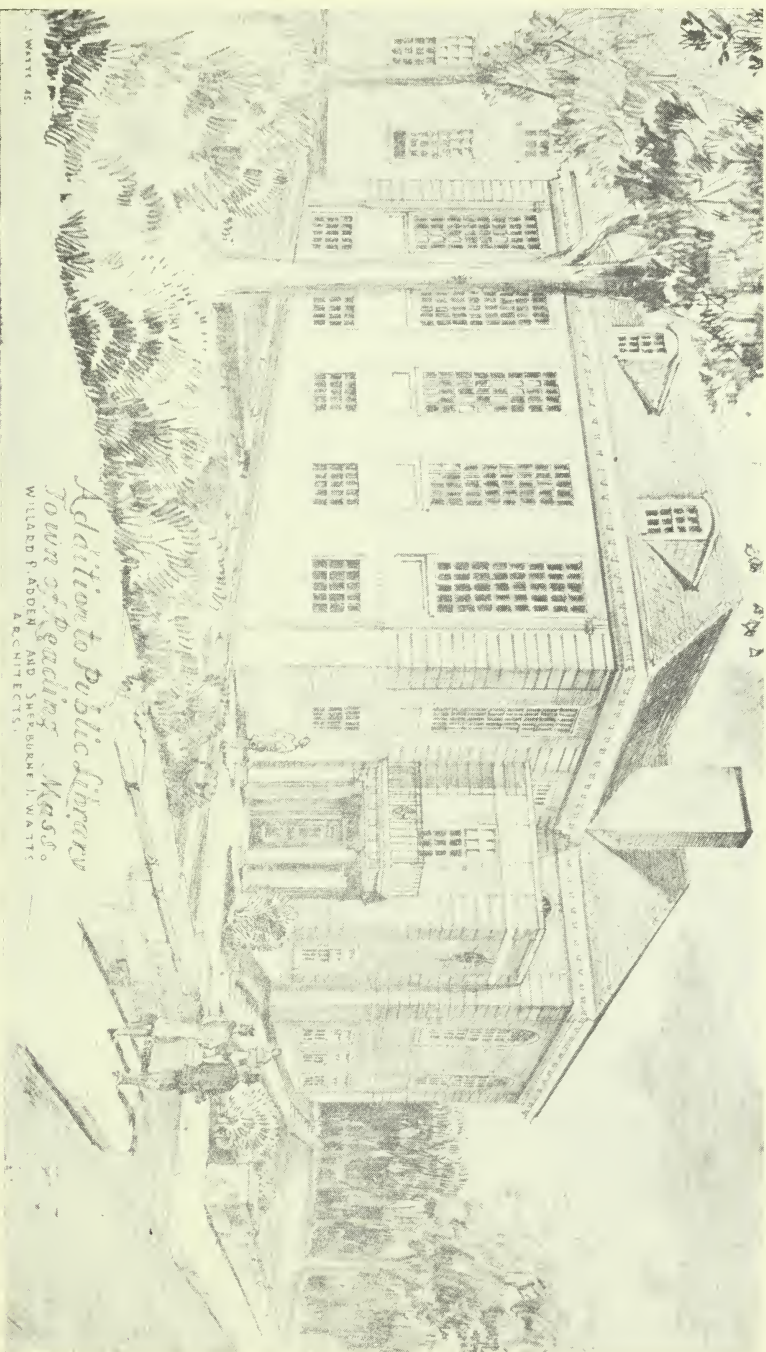
And yet, with little space and a restricted annual budget, your Library has given service that stands high under critical comparison with the same public function in towns of like situation and facilities.

(A succeeding page in this report will explain—without using dull statistics—some aspects of this comparison.)

The time has come when, with a growing population and a demand for more and more up-to-the-moment publications, the Town of Reading should take the step that will mean definite advancement in its public cultural and educational facilities.

Here is how the Public Library Trustees would solve the Books vs Shelves Discrepancy





*Addition to Public Library
Town of Reading, Mass.*

WILLARD P. ADDEN AND SAMUEL BURNETT, ARCHT'ES.

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← **..... And now, a new plan for improving
Your Public Library Facilities**

The Trustees have plans and specifications from Willard P. Adden and Sherburne J. Watts, well known architects and residents of Reading, outlining an addition to the Library.

These call for alterations in the present building and the construction of a new stack room, accommodating 60,000 volumes. There would be a new basement entrance on the southwest corner of the building at Woburn st. which eliminates the present basement entrance to the Children's Library and the platform and stairway which obstruct part of the room. New toilets, closets and storage vault for valuable documents will replace present inadequate facilities.

The librarian will be furnished with a suitable office and a new heating plant will be installed.

It will be noticed from the architects' illustrations that the contour of the banking at Woburn st. will be altered and that the addition will fit pleasingly with the architectural appearance of the present building.

It is the belief of the Trustees that, with this addition, the Library requirements of Reading can be met for the next 25 to 30 years at last and the plans are so drawn that should further expansion be needed there would be no difficulty in blending new facilities with the then existing building.

By studying the plan of the main floor on the opposite page you will see how the reading room space can be regained. It will revert to the reading room that was originally designed when the library was to serve a town of 5,000 people and which, through the addition of book shelves, has shrunk more than one-third while the town population has more than doubled. The plan shows the location of the new stack room, a few steps from the reading room, and another plan presents a cross section showing the stack shelves at a convenient height with titles on the top shelf easily readable and the books within arm's reach.

This Will Cost

Contractor's base estimate as per plans and specifications of work included in estimate*	\$ 35,120.00
Heating as per engineer's plans and specifications....	5,000.00
Stacks, office partition, asphalt tile on basement, first and mezzanine floors, counter and cupboards in librarian's office, other counters and lockers	15,000.00
Total	\$ 55,120.00

*Base estimate includes following sub-bids: plumbing, electric work, doors and windows, wood trim, exterior and interior, painting, roofing, lath and plaster.

Elevation shows landscape changes on south
Cross section shows shelves of easy access



And What Are You Paying For?

Your money pays for a service that is abundantly used and in constant demand. Graphic appraisal of how your library serves the townspeople is shown by a comparison with the towns of Andover, Lexington, Needham and Swampscott. With many fewer volumes per capita, Reading has a decidedly larger circulation and yet operates under woefully inferior conditions.

Where these other towns provide a budget of \$1.50 per capita Reading's librarians struggle along on less than \$1 per person, which is less than the minimum recommended by the American Library Association.

Contrary to common practice in other towns, very little money is left to our library in the form of bequests. The donation of memorial book funds is being established by a few citizens in the town and the growth of the custom would constitute a public service which would benefit many and give considerable satisfaction to the donors.

If you would compare further (and the Trustees have the tabulated statistics) you could see that our library provides an excellent, well balanced selection of books and superior service on the part of the Librarians. All this in view of a low operating budget, too low a wage scale and overcrowded quarters.

It is a moot question just how long we should expect the present excellent service to continue under such conditions which are daily becoming more and more outmoded.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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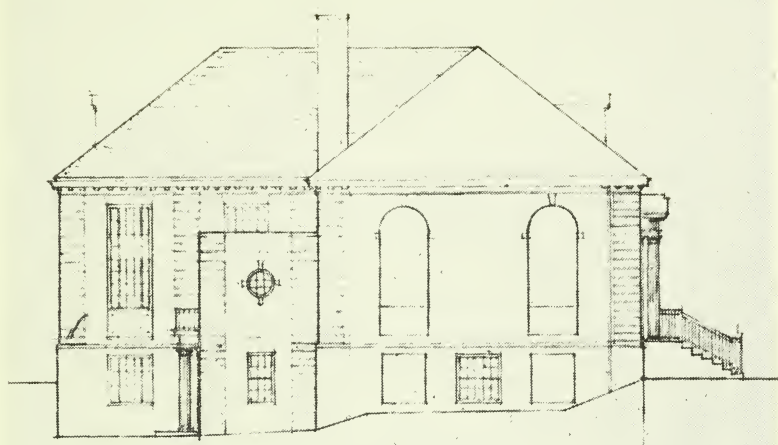
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Librarian's Report

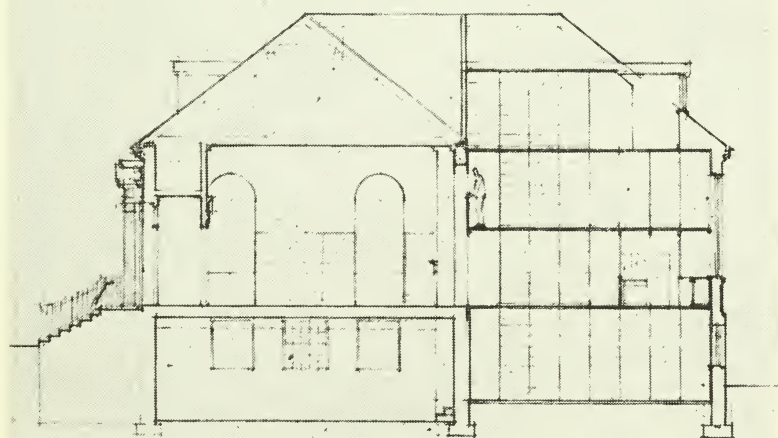
To the Trustees of the Reading Public Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1945, another year of doing the best we can under crowded conditions. However, it has been a good year and it has been a pleasure to welcome so many of the returning soldiers as well as many new residents.

An innovation this year has been the classification of the daily circulation into non-fiction, fiction and periodicals, which is done in most libraries of any size. It is gratifying to find that the amount of non-fiction



WOBURN STREET ELEVATION



TRANSVERSE SECTION LOOKING SOUTH



IN MEMORY OF

READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

tion taken is nearly one-third of the whole circulation, which speaks well for the reading habits of the adult borrowers.

The exhibit in a vacant store in the square was the feature of Book Week in November. The slogan, UNITED THROUGH BOOKS, was carried out in the two windows; one of which held the children's books, the other books for adults. The attractive books with their bright jackets made a colorful display. The Junior room is as popular as ever. A large cabinet of stuffed birds presented by Mrs. Philip Tirrell is a source of great interest to the children. Miss Turner held the story hours as usual during the summer and the State Certificate reading has also been popular. About 4500 books were put in the schools during the year.

The Knighton String Quartet was kind enough to give us another concert one Sunday afternoon in the spring, which was enjoyed by all.

Memorial Books

Mrs. Lloyd Henderson has designed a special plate for the books which are given to the library as memorials to friends who have passed away. We have received this year the following:

Music for the Million, by Ewer. Memorial to Mrs. Harry Barr.

Wood Engraving and Woodcuts, by Leighton. Memorial to Mr. Lester Riley.

Contemporary American Painters

Portrait of America. Memorial to Mrs. Catherine Timlin.

Land of Enchantment, by Staleg. Memorial to Mr. L. B. Lewis.

An Omnibus of Detective Stories. Memorial to Leonard McClintock.

The Book Group of the Woman's Club has also given us:

Victorian Glass, by Ruth Webb Lee.

Primer of American Antiques, by Dreppard.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE J. ABBOTT,

Librarian

Public Library Expense Account

Salaries:

Appropriation — \$6500.

Librarian	\$ 1,874.25
Assistants	3,719.12
Janitor	902.95
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	\$ 6,496.32

Maintenance — \$3300.

Fuel, light, water, sewer	488.46
Telephone	52.24

Printing and supplies	264.38
Maintenance and repairs	202.62
Books and periodicals	2,113.79
Binding	149.64
Miscellaneous	26.18
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	\$ 3,297.31
Refund	4.00
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	\$ 3,293.31
Balance unexpended and returned to revenue	
On salaries	\$ 3.68
On maintenance	6.69
Receipts	
Fines collected	\$ 810.15
Fees from out-of-town borrowers	13.00
Lost books paid for	2.15
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	\$ 825.30
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 825.30
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Balance December 31, 1945	\$ 00.00
Received from Trust Fund	\$ 75.75
Paid for encyclopedias	75.75

Circulation Report

Volumes in Library Dec. 31, 1944.....		26,411
Volumes bought:		
Adult fiction	451	
Adult non-fiction	337	
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Juvenile fiction	238	
Juvenile non-fiction	159	
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Reference books	6	
Received by gift	54	
	<hr/>	1245
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		27,656
Withdrawn during year		594
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Total number volumes Dec. 31, 1945.....		27,062

Circulation :

Adult

Fiction	49,272
Non-Fiction	13,292
Periodicals	6,510

68,974 68,974

Juvenile

Fiction	16,525
Non-Fiction	2,354
Periodicals	636

19,515

To schools 4,250 23,765

92,739

Total circulation in 1945 ... 92,739

Total circulation in 1944 95,138

Loss in 1945 2,399

Net borrowers registered:

Adult 386

Juvenile 214

Total new borrowers 600

No. days library open 300

Average daily circulation:

Adult 229.58

Juvenile 79.22

Borrowed from other libraries 28

Loaned to other libraries 27

Form of Bequest

I hereby give and bequeath to the Town of Reading the

sum of to have and to

hold, the income only of which shall be used for

.....

for the Reading Public Library.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

For the Year Ended

December 31, 1945

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Public Works submits herewith its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1945.

The Board met and organized on March 5, 1945. Wendell P. Davis was re-elected Chairman; Alexander Lindsay was re-elected Secretary; Philip Welch was reappointed as Superintendent.

Regularly scheduled meetings were held during the year, also a few special meetings and conferences. Members of the Board were appointed to and served on special committees. Several public hearings were advertised and held on various matters including trunk sewer extensions, Municipal Light Board and New England Telephone and Telegraph pole locations, etc. Acting as the Board of Survey, one hearing was held.

During the year the activities of the Department have been confined mainly to maintenance work. Relatively little construction was undertaken.

Several projects were prepared for the Post War Planning Committee. Many projects are now available should the need become apparent. The Board has endeavored to prepare a wide selection of projects. The projects were carefully chosen so that the Town will be directly benefitted by the construction of badly needed public utilities and also so that the greatest possible number of persons can be employed.

The Board has cooperated, as far as financially possible, with the Recreation Committee. Existing Departmental facilities were maintained and where possible, in a small way, additional facilities were provided.

The Board expects that 1946 will bring a substantial increase in residential construction necessitating increased activity in the Water Department. Fortunately the Water Department is in excellent financial condition and, if labor is plentiful, will be able to provide necessary mains and services. It is also expected that many requests will be received for other types of services. It is not expected that the Board will have sufficient funds to meet all these requests. Some will have to be postponed to future years. This is especially true in relation to main trunk sewer extensions and also in relation to storm drain extensions.

It is recommended that the Town take definite steps in the near future to extend the sewer system throughout the well populated sections of the Town.

The Board has endeavored to cooperate to the fullest possible extent with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and acknowledges the courtesy, help and cooperation extended to them by the other Town Departments. The Board also wishes to express its appreciation to its employees, many of whom have willingly worked long hours in emergencies under adverse weather and working conditions.

For a more detailed report of the work accomplished by the various divisions comprising the Board of Public Works, reference is made to the report of the Superintendent which follows this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL P. DAVIS, Chairman
ALEXANDER LINDSAY, Secretary
EDWARD BROPHY
HAROLD PUTNAM
EDWARD TEER

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the twenty-fifth annual report of the Department of Public Works, (Water, Highway, Sewer and Park) including a financial report of each department, and a chronicle of the principal work performed with recommendations for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Account:

Appropriation and Transfers \$ 50,099.08

Expenditures:

1. Office Maintenance:

Pay Roll	\$ 4,732.44
Supplies, Printing, etc.	777.02
Insurance	700.23
Miscellaneous	166.44

\$ 6,376.13

2. Pumping Station Costs:

Station No. 1, Mill St.

Pay Roll	\$ 278.00
Light, Phone, Fuel	214.10
Miscellaneous	54.78

\$ 546.88

Station No. 2, Strout Ave.

Pay Roll	\$ 1,917.58
Light and Power	5,237.53
Phone and Fuel	237.06
Misc. Supplies and Repairs ..	1,508.27

\$ 8,900.44

Filtration Plant

Pay Roll	\$ 558.79
Engrs. Weston and Sampson..	305.00
Supplies	113.89

\$ 977.68

3. Well Line:

Pay Roll	\$ 351.31
Supplies and Fittings	633.98

\$ 985.29

4. Maintenance of Meters:

Pay Roll	\$ 1,792.07
Supplies, Misc.	334.82
Equipment	299.97

\$ 2,426.86

5. Maintenance of Service Pipes:		
Pay Roll	\$	3,969.76
Supplies, Tools and Misc.		1,756.71
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	\$	5,726.47
6. Maintenance of Main Pipes:		
Pay Roll	\$	169.25
Supplies and Misc.		226.12
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	\$	395.37
7. Maturing Bonds	\$	9,000.00
8. Bond Interest	\$	235.00
9. Garage Maintenance:		
Fuel Oil	\$	341.42
Lights and Phone		58.74
Supplies and Misc.		171.29
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	\$	571.45
10. Main Pipe Construction:		
Payroll	\$	666.51
Pipe		3,584.87
Supplies and Misc.		461.26
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	\$	4,712.64
11. Service Pipe Construction:		
Pay Roll	\$	970.85
Pipe		505.82
Supplies and Misc.		596.57
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	\$	2,073.24
12. Meter Construction:		
None.		
13. Hydrant Maintenance:		
Pay Roll	\$	278.08
Misc.		12.00
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	\$	290.08
14. Miscellaneous:		
Pay Roll General	\$	1,725.38
Road Machinery Acct.		1,733.57

Misc. Supplies	468.01
Salvage Collection	123.56

\$ 4,050.47

Grand Total Expended ... \$ 47,268.05

Balance December 31, 1945 \$ 2,831.03

1945 Receipts

Meter Rates Including Refunds	\$ 46,882.42
Service Pipe Maintenance	513.65
Service Pipe Construction	656.79
Rent	180.00
Hydrant Rental	500.00
Drinking Fountains	100.00
Sprinklers	36.00
Fines	3.00
Miscellaneous	80.75

\$ 48,952.61

Total cost of Water System from Beginning to January 1,
1945 \$833,323.45

Meters — None.

Total Cost December 31, 1945 \$833,323.45

Water Bonds and Interest

There were \$9,000.00 in bonds payable in 1945.

The interest on serial bonds for the year 1945 amounted to \$235.00.

There are \$4,000.00 in bonds and \$50.00 interest due in 1946 as follows:

Payable	Interest	Bonds
April 1, 1946	\$ 7.50	
April 15, 1946	35.00	\$ 2,000.00
October 1, 1946	7.50	2,000.00
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	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,000.00

Rainfall at Pumping Station

Month	Normal Rain- Fall—Inches	Rainfall in 1945—Inches	Excess or Deficiency—1945
January	3.38	2.60	— .78
February	3.20	4.40	+1.20
March	3.74	1.79	—1.95
April	3.86	2.85	—1.01
May	2.96	4.28	+1.32
June	3.62	5.90	+2.28
July	3.37	3.07	— .30
August	3.22	3.07	— .15
September	3.66	1.19	—2.47
October	2.98	2.62	— .36
November	3.39	7.77	+4.38
December	3.51	6.41	+2.90
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Totals	40.89	45.95	+5.06

The average rainfall for Massachusetts as deduced by the State Department of Public Health from long continued observation in various parts of the Commonwealth is 44.54 inches.

As may be seen by a table in this report showing the amount of rainfall for the years 1900-1945 inclusive, the average rainfall at the Reading Hundred Acre Pumping Station No. 2 on Strout Avenue is 40.89 inches.

The rainfall in 1945 in Reading was an excess of 1.41 inches compared with the State observations and an excess of 5.06 inches compared with the Reading Pumping Station observations.

There was a deficiency of rainfall in the months of January, March, April, July, August, September, and October of 7.02 inches, and an excess in the months of February, May, June, November, and December of 12.08 inches, comparing each month with an average rainfall at Reading Pumping Station between the years 1900-1945 inclusive.

The greatest amount of rainfall in 1945 for any one month was in November, with a fall of 7.77 inches; in any one day, Thursday, December 6, 1945 with a fall of 2.58 inches. The years' total rainfall of 45.95 inches was an excess of 2.38 inches from the total rainfall of 1944, which was 43.57 inches.

The elevation of the Hundred Acre Meadow Pumping Station is approximately eighty feet above sea level.

TABLE SHOWING AMOUNT OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW—1945

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	.61		.01	.19	.01		T		.02	.12		
2			.01		.02	.10	.13		.01	.24	T	
3				.34	.82	.07					.26	
4			.10	.11	.38	.04					.85	
5		.25	.25			.27						
6					.09	.12	.33	1.45		.50		2.58
7	.66							.09		.11		.31
8	T	2.0			.02	.06						
9						.02				.13		
10					1.67	.48	.67		T		.09	.03
11	T				.01	.10			.02		.25	
12	T		.20					.04		.27	.06	
13	.04	.19			.30						.16	.06
14	.20	.02					.10		.18	.03	1.02	.02
15		.66			.03	.56	.37		.01		.01	
16	.39			.04	T	1.15	.02					
17			.01	.17	.46	.13	T				.07	
18					.23				.53		.02	
19			.01		.01	.95			T		1.23	.58
20		T	.20			.23	.10				.11	
21		.22	.70	.30		.25						
22	.20	.62	.11							.01	.89	
23							T			.86		
24	T							1.13		.04		
25				1.39	.04	.50		.09		.13		1.08
26		.44		.11		.84		.02		.18		
27			.13	.01	.03	.02			.03			
28		T			.05	.01	.91		T		.13	
29	.50			.04	.11		.44		.39		2.05	1.02
30				.15				.24			.57	.33
31			.06					.01		T		.40
Monthly Totals	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.85	4.28	5.90	3.07	3.07	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41
Totals to Date	2.60	7.00	8.79	11.64	15.92	21.82	24.89	27.96	29.15	31.77	39.54	45.95

AMOUNT OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 TO 1945 INCLUSIVE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900.....	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901.....	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902.....	1.80	6.11	4.99	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.31	0.99	5.60	44.77
1903.....	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904.....	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905.....	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906.....	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907.....	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.60	41.97
1908.....	4.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.54	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.03	32.70
1909.....	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.18	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910.....	4.51	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911.....	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912.....	2.68	2.42	4.05	4.05	5.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913.....	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.73	3.45	0.93	1.63	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914.....	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	33.07
1915.....	5.32	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	9.30	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916.....	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.50	3.11	1.81	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917.....	2.92	2.41	4.13	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918.....	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.87	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919.....	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920.....	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921.....	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922.....	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	5.29	3.08	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923.....	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924.....	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	5.56	1.52	37.49
1925.....	4.28	4.14	7.66	2.94	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.30	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926.....	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.37	3.95	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927.....	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.63	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928.....	3.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	2.77	6.63	3.65	3.54	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929.....	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	3.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03
1930.....	2.43	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931.....	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932.....	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933.....	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	1.27	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934.....	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.25	1.73	6.43	3.89	2.03	2.70	39.23
1935.....	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.53	4.36	0.90	37.31
1936.....	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	46.30
1937.....	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	43.17
1938.....	4.03	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.51	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	51.65
1939.....	2.03	3.43	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	0.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	0.77	2.92	33.43
1940.....	2.22	4.34	3.68	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	0.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	39.24
1941.....	3.16	1.83	2.51	1.87	2.94	2.09	3.66	3.05	0.98	2.13	2.98	4.03	29.63
1942.....	4.25	2.98	7.20	2.02	3.34	3.19	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	45.38
1943.....	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.34	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	36.04
1944.....	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	0.83	5.32	2.56	7.22	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18	43.57
1945.....	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.85	4.28	5.90	3.07	3.07	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41	45.95
Average	3.38	3.20	3.74	3.86	2.96	3.62	3.37	3.22	3.66	2.98	3.39	3.51	40.89

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For Year Ending December 31, 1945

Reading Water Department

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

General Statistics

Population by census of 1945: 12,327.

Date of Construction: 1890, Mill Street 1931, Grove Street.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Sources of Supply: Filter Gallery and Artesian Wells.

Mode of Supply: (whether gravity or pumping): Pumping.

Pumping Statistics

Builders of Pumping Machinery: Sullivan Machine Co., George F. Blake Mfg. Co., Platt Iron Works, DeLaval Steam Turbine Co.

Electric Pumps at Grove Street Station

Description of Pumps:

(A) Pumping Unit No. 1 :- 2—stage $5/4$ DeLaval, 75 H.P. 1750 R.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 650 G.P.M.

(B) Pumping Unit No. 2 :- 2—stage $8/6$ DeLaval, 125 H.P. 1750 R.P.M. 3 phase 60 cycle, 440 volts, 1000 G.P.M.

K. W. H. used for year: 299,700.

Power Cost for year: \$5,237.53.

Total Pumpage by Venturi Meter: 231,483,500 gallons.

Cost of Pumping per Million Gallons, power only: \$22.63.

Average number gallons pumped per K. W. H.: 772.38

Cost of pumping figured on Total Pumping Station No. 2 expenses, per Million Gallons pumped: \$38.45.

Cost of Filtration, per Million Gallons, figured on Filtration Plant Expenses: \$4.22.

Total Cost of supplying water, per Million Gallons, figured on Total Maintenance, plus interest on bonds: \$138.01.

Average Static Head against which pumps work: 228.

Average Dynamic Head against which pumps work: 258.

Statistics Relating to Distribution Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron.

Sizes: $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches to 12 inches.

Extended: 450 lineal feet of 12", 620 lineal feet of 6" cast iron pipe —

Total extended in 1945 — 1070 lineal feet.

Total in use at present: 52.83 Miles (6" to 12").

Cost of Maintenance per mile: \$7.48.

Number of Hydrants added during year: One.

Number of Hydrants in use (Public and Private): 330.

Number of Stop Gates added during year: 3.

Number of Stop Gates now in use: 854.

Number of Stop Gates smaller than 4": 152.

Number of Blow Offs added during year: None.

Number of Blow Offs now in use: 29.

Range of Pressure on Water Mains: 45-90 lbs.

Statistics Relating to Suction Mains

Kind of Pipe: Cast Iron.

Sizes of Pipe: 16", 12", 10", 8".

Total Number of Feet in use: 116 feet of 16", 1270 feet of 12", 882 feet of 10", 3146 feet of 8". Total=5414 feet.

Gates in use on Suction Mains: 1-16", 4-12", 1-10", 3-8", 102-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Gates.

Wells in Use: Line A— 7 Wells Line B—17 Wells Line C— 11 Wells.

Line D—12 Wells Line E—15 Wells Line F— 19 Wells

Line G— 8 Wells Line H—13 Wells Total — 102 Wells

Statistics Relating to Services

Services: Kinds of Pipe:-Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead Lined, Cement Lined, and Copper Tubing.

Sizes: $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 6 inch.

Extended: 1472.10 feet.

Total in Use: 44.08 miles.

Number of active service taps added during year: 20.

Number of service taps in use: 2763.

Average length of services installed in 1945: 73.60 feet.

Average cost of water services to owner in 1945: \$39.27.

Number of water meters tested: 250.

Number of water meters repaired: 190.

Number of water meters added: 18.

Number of water meters junked: 8.

Number of water meters now in use: 3303.

Chemical and Microscopic Character of Raw Water—1945 (Unfiltered—Direct from Tubular Wells) (Parts per Million)

Chemical and Microscopic Character of Water Delivered to Mains—1945
(Filtered Water as Delivered from Iron Removal Plant) (Parts per Million)

Month	No. of Test Days	PARTS PER MILLION, EXCEPT AS NOTED							
		Iron	Oxygen Consumed	Carbon Dioxide		Dissolved Oxygen		Manganese	pH Value
				Ave.	Max.	P.P.M.	% Sat.		
January.....	..	0.32	....	4.5	....	....	....	.006	7.1
February.....	1	0.30	....	4.0	....	....	....	.005	7.1
March.....	1	0.30	....	4.3	....	11.2	97.7	.006	7.2
April.....	1	0.30	....	4.0	....	....	....	.005	7.2
May.....	1	0.36	....	5.0	....	....	....	.005	7.1
June.....	1	0.47	....	6.0	....	....	....	.008	7.0
July.....	1	0.24	....	4.0	....	10.9	101.7	.006	7.2
August.....	1	0.40	....	5.0	....	....	....	.005	7.2
September.....	2	0.39	....	4.3	....	....	....	.006	7.3
October.....	1	0.48	....	4.0	....	11.3	94.6	.008	7.3
November.....	1	0.28	....	4.5	....	11.8	100.5	.006	7.2
December.....	..	0.35	....	4.5	....	....	....	.006	7.2
Total.....	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Average.....	..	0.35	....	4.5	....	11.3	98.6	.006	7.2

YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRE PUMPING STATION
January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Month	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped Venturi Meter	Total Head	Power K.W.H.	Gallons Per K.W.H.	Rain- fall	Fuel Oil	Daily Average Gallons Pumped
January.....	31	381	45	20,078,300	228	25,700	781.25	2.60	382	647,687
February.....	28	324	15	16,895,700	228	21,800	775.03	4.40	190	603,417
March.....	31	362	15	18,976,900	228	24,300	780.94	1.79	179	612,158
April.....	30	354	30	18,549,400	228	23,900	776.12	2.85	...	618,313
May.....	31	362	15	19,062,600	228	24,800	763.65	4.28	...	614,922
June.....	30	375	45	19,631,200	228	25,600	766.8	5.90	...	654,373
July.....	31	391	..	20,547,200	228	26,500	775.366	3.07	...	662,812
August.....	31	403	15	21,193,600	228	27,200	779.17	3.07	...	683,664
September.....	30	371	..	19,252,500	228	25,200	763.93	1.19	...	641,750
October.....	31	360	30	18,997,800	228	24,900	762.96	2.62	...	612,832
November.....	30	357	30	18,649,600	228	24,400	764.32	7.77	...	621,653
December.....	31	373	45	19,648,700	228	25,400	773.57	6.41	390	633,829
Totals.....	365	4,417	45	231,483,500	228	299,700	772.33	45.95	1,141	634,201

KIND AND SIZES OF METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1946

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	8"	Totals
Nash	1,559	14	17	1	5	3	..	..	..	1,599
Hersey	534	11	24	6	9	7	1	1	1	594
Empire	276	1	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	282
Gamon	182	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	184
Pittsburg	152	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	167
Trident	239	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	241
Crown	68	2	2	..	3	8	..	..	..	83
Lambert	49	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Union	43	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	45
Worthington	35	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	36
Keystone	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
Federal	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Thompson	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Gem .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Totals	3,148	43	51	17	19	20	3	1	1	3,303

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE DURING PAST TEN YEARS 1936 to 1945 inclusive

Year	Annual Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Average Daily Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease (Gallons)	Cost per Million Gallons Pumped Figured on Total Maint. and Int. on Bonds	Esti- mated Popu- lation
1936	249,110,100	1,034,700 Inc.	680,629	971 Inc.	100.70	10,703
1937	212,484,400	36,625,700 Dec.	582,149	98,480 Dec.	129.81	10,703
1938	213,853,400	1,369,000 Inc.	585,900	3,751 Inc.	122.24	10,703
1939	245,937,000	32,083,600 Inc.	673,800	87,900 Inc.	106.93	10,703
1940	245,786,000	151,000 Dec.	671,546	2,254 Dec.	99.06	10,861
1941	245,332,500	453,500 Dec.	672,143	597 Inc.	115.87	10,861
1942	224,146,860	21,185,700 Dec.	613,965	58,178 Dec.	124.07	10,861
1943	229,498,200	5,351,400 Inc.	628,762	14,797 Inc.	142.41	10,861
1944	245,429,500	15,931,300 Inc.	670,217	41,455 Inc.	121.58	10,861
1945	231,483,500	13,946,000 Dec.	634,201	36,016 Dec.	138.01	12,327

MAIN PIPE CONSTRUCTION

With the cessation of hostilities and removal of Federal Government restrictions on residential construction during the early Fall of 1945, it was immediately manifest that several housing developments requiring main water pipe extensions were in prospect. Due, however, to the acute shortage of building materials, and the large number of industrial strikes which prevailed, making shortages even more acute, developers were hard put to carry on their programs of home building. One large development, called "Cedarville," which is located on the former Charles Wakefield Estate on Wakefield, Charles and Haverhill Streets, did succeed in starting six new dwelling houses, in the late Fall. As Charles Street in this vicinity was not served with a water main, and as plans recommended by the New England Fire Insurance Underwriters in their recent study for future development of the Reading water distribution system calls for a 12" water main on Charles Street, some 450 lineal feet of 12" cast iron main was installed from Wakefield Street Southerly, to supply these new homes. Severe freezing weather in December, accompanied by snow, stopped construction for the winter months, but it is expected this construction will be continued in 1946 to complete a connection at Charles and Pearl Streets, prior to the proposed Chapter 90 permanent pavement construction of Charles Street.

One other main water pipe extension was made in 1945, on Lakeview (private) Road, where four residences, which depended on private wells for drinking water, applied for town water under the 4% guarantee method of extension. This extension totaled 620 lineal feet of 6" cast iron pipe, and one fire hydrant. Four houses were connected to the main.

Prospects for water main extensions in 1946 appear to be of near-record proportions, provided building material and other construction supplies are procurable.

As of January 1, 1946, the Reading water distribution system comprises 52.83 miles of water mains in sizes 6" to 12", besides other mains of smaller sizes.

Main Pipe Maintenance

No distribution main breaks, on pipes 6" or larger, occurred during 1945. A blown joint on a hydrant branch on Lakeview Road, and several minor leaks on 1¼" galvanized iron mains did occur, and were speedily repaired with negligible water loss.

Service Pipe Construction and Maintenance

Twenty new water services were installed during the year, of which all but four were installed from September on. Five services were installed to old houses not previously serviced, four were to houses on the 4% water main extension, eight were to newly erected houses, one was for a garage, one a greenhouse, and one for a cook house. The twenty new services totaled 1472.10 feet in length, had an average length per individual service of 73.60 feet at an average cost of service to owners of \$39.27. The services ranged in size from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 2", and all were of cement lined pipe. As of January 1, 1946, there are 44.08 miles of service pipe in use in the water distribution system, comprising 2763 individual service taps, in sizes ranging from $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 6".

Leaks developed in the street sections of services, requiring street excavation to effect repairs. The leaks were caused by aging pipe fittings, corporation cocks and leads.

Rodding of water services to remove incrustation from old service pipes and thereby improve water delivery was carried on extensively throughout the year. A new and improved flexible rodding device has been procured to aid in this work.

In a number of instances, defective cellar shut-offs have been replaced with a new and improved type of hand wheel valve.

Meter Maintenance

A total of 250 active water meters, in sizes ranging from $\frac{5}{8}$ " to $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", were removed from water services for various reasons by the meter department. Of this number, 190 meters were dismantled, cleaned, repaired, tested and re-installed. Eight obsolete meters were junked and replaced with new meters. Eighteen new meters were set, eleven as replacements and seven on new services. Twenty-four meters became frozen during the winter months and were repaired, frost-protected and reset.

Several new brick meter boxes were installed to replace defective wood boxes and where possible box meters were relocated to cellars. During the Fall, all remaining meters in meter boxes were insulated against frost.

A new leak detecting device, known as the "Meter Master" has been procured by the meter department. With this device, a charted record may be obtained of all water usage for a period of 24 hours on the premises where installed, and shows visible proof to the home owner of water usage.

As of January 1, 1946, there are in use in the water distribution system 3303 water meters, in sizes ranging from $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 8".

Fire Hydrants

One new fire hydrant was installed in 1945, on a 6" water main extension on Lakeview (private) Road. This hydrant furnishes fire protection for five dwelling houses and a number of poultry farm buildings on Lakeview (private) Road.

Three fire hydrants were broken by motor vehicles during the year, two by "hit and run" drivers and one by a department truck snow plow. Small water loss was caused by any of the breaks.

The annual inspection of fire hydrants was made, and some hydrants received necessary minor repairs. All fire hydrants used by the Fire Department in 1945 were found to be in good working condition.

Driven Well System

No new construction was accomplished in Hundred Acre well field in 1945. It had been planned to install a new well line, and some of the necessary material was procured, but due to shortages, strikes, etc., key items could not be obtained in time for 1945 construction. Due to above normal rainfall in 1945, the ground water has remained at a high level throughout the year, as shown by twice-daily test well readings. The well field for much of the year was covered with flood water.

In July, and again in September, all wells were cleaned, spudded and pumped clear. During the July cleaning operations, analyses of water from each well was made by the pumping station engineers for iron content. During the September cleaning operations, a chemist from the firm of Weston and Sampson, Consulting Engineers, made specific tests for iron, color and CO² on each well as it was pumped.

Each well was also air-tested for possible leaks in September, and several wells found to have leakage were repaired. Four wells found to have broken gate valve stems were also repaired.

As of January 1, 1946 there are 104 driven 2½" tubular wells in the collection system, of which 102 are in active use. One well on Line "B" and one well on Line "F" are out of service, and are to be pulled and re-driven in more suitable locations.

A program of cutting off from the collection system selected groups of wells found to contain excessive amounts of iron, or to be of high color, has been instituted, with analyses made at regular intervals to determine the result on both raw water and final effluent from the Deferriization Plant.

Filtration Plant

The filtration plant operated efficiently and economically during the year. A total of 231,483,500 gallons of raw water direct from the

driven wells, averaging 634,201 gallons per day, was aerated and filtered. Tables included in this report show the results obtained by aeration and filtration.

Sand Filter No. 1 was scraped three times and raked twice, and Sand Filter No. 2 was scraped twice and raked three times during the year, to break up and remove iron deposit films on sand filter surfaces. The ejector box was used five times during the year to wash and clean filter sand. Vertical feed pipes to the contact aerators were wire brushed and cleaned twice, and the aerator nozzles were cleaned and reamed as often as required.

A new set of concrete steps and a concrete walk were installed at the new access ramp in front of the filter plant, and the ramp itself has been sodded over, presenting an attractive appearance.

Standpipes

No major repair or maintenance work was necessary on either standpipe during the year.

PUMPING STATIONS

Hundred Acre Pumping Station

This pumping station operated daily during the year, averaging 12.10 hours of operation daily, and delivered 231,483,500 gallons of raw well water to the Iron Removal or filtration plant and filtered water to the distribution mains, averaging 634,201 gallons per day, at a cost of pumping figured on total pumping station expenses of \$38.45 per million gallons pumped. The greatest amount pumped in any one day was on Monday, July 2, 1945 with a total pumpage of 894,700 gallons; in any one week, from August 17 to 23 inclusive, with a total pumpage of 5,546,700 gallons. The 75 H.P. high lift pump was in daily operation for a total of 4,414.25 hours during the year, and the 125 H.P. high lift pump in operation during monthly test runs only of 3 hours.

Vacuum Pump No. 1, which was of small capacity and badly worn from years of use was replaced with a new Nash Hy-Tor vacuum pump of greater capacity. Another improvement made at the pumping station was the installation of new electrode float controls in the vacuum tank, which also necessitated the re-wiring of one switch-board panel. This system causes the vacuum pumps to operate at a constant tank water-level, irrespective of the rise and fall of ground water in the well field, and is also supplied with a low-water safety cut-off. Either or both vacuum pumps may be operated as required.

Low lift Pump No. 1 was dismantled, overhauled and new impeller shaft sleeves installed to increase its efficiency. The sand chamber in the vacuum tank was cleaned twice during the year.

Eight interruptions of electric power supply occurred during the year, caused by a power line break, short circuits in the power line caused by high winds, lightning, and failures at the electric power plant. The shortest of these interruptions of power supply was of one-half hour duration, the longest of three and three-quarter hours.

Mill Street Pumping Station

Mill Street Pumping Station was not actively operated during the year, but was kept in condition to be put in operation at short notice as an emergency or auxiliary source of water supply. During cold weather, one boiler was kept fired and the steam driven pumps were operated for testing purposes, but did not pump water into the distribution mains. The annual inspection of boiler and pumping equipment was made by the State Department of Public Safety and the insurance underwriters and approval certificates were issued by them.

Maintenance work on the grounds and buildings was accomplished, and equipment and materials were stored in the line shed and boiler room to relieve congestion at the municipal garage.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Gentlemen :

The following is the yearly report of the Highway Department :

Appropriations voted in March Town Meeting :

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction	\$ 42,000.00
2. Removal of Snow and Ice	20,000.00
3. Maintenance of Storm Drains	4,200.00
4. Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance	4,300.00
5. Development of Storm Water Drains	7,500.00
6. Care of Dumps	1,800.00
7. Victory Gardens	700.00
8. Construction of West Hill Circle	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	834.06
9. Construction of Wescroft Road	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	1,850.90
10. Construction of Springvale Road	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	162.24
11. Construction of Harvard Street	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	341.20
12. Construction of Lewis Street	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	189.77
13. Development Committee	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	257.15
14. Post War Planning	
Bal. Fwd. from 1944	2,525.26
15. Received from State and County for Chap. 90 Maint.	1,800.00
16. Road Machinery Fund	
Transfer from Road Machinery Account.....	15,000.00
17. Credited to Road Machinery Fund	
From Gasoline Refunds	168.30
18. Credited to Snow and Ice from	
Road Machinery Fund	97.89
19. Credited to Highway Dept. from	
Road Machinery Fund	14.65
20. Transfer to Snow and Ice from	
Reserve Fund	2,400.00
21. Voted at Special Town Meeting	
Dec. 27, 1945, Snow and Ice Removal	4,900.00
22. Road Machinery Fund	1,000.00

Grand Total \$112,041.42

Expenditures and Balances of the above Appropriations :

Item

1. Highway Maintenance and Construction	\$ 42,000.00
19. Credited to Highway from Road Mch. Fund	14.65

\$ 42,014.65

Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 21,219.72
Road Material	7,385.51
Chapter 90 ¹ Maint.	900.00
Supplies and Tools	3,344.66
Road Machinery Acct.	7,707.15
Miscellaneous	1,429.96

Total Expended \$ 41,987.00

Balance Unexpended \$ 27.65

2. Removal of Snow and Ice	\$ 20,000.00
18. Credited to Snow and Ice from Road Mch. Fund	97.89
20. Credited to Snow and Ice from Reserve Fund	2,400.00
21. Voted at Special Town Meeting 12/27/45	4,900.00

\$ 27,397.89

Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 17,016.75
Plowing and Hauling	2,953.76
Repairs and Supplies	4,495.87
Road Machinery Acct.	1,744.63
Miscellaneous	1,163.25

Total Expended \$ 27,374.26

Balance Unexpended \$ 23.63

3. Maintenance of Storm Drains	\$ 4,200.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 3,230.69
Supplies and Misc.	882.53

Total Expended \$ 4,113.22

Balance Unexpended \$ 86.78

4. Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance	\$ 4,300.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 3,204.37
Supplies and Misc.	1,095.09

Total Expended	\$ 4,299.46
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Balance Unexpended54
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5. Development of Storm Water Drainage	\$ 7,500.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 3,077.94
Pipe	1,256.11
Supplies and Misc.	2,428.24
Road Machinery Account	614.52

Total Expended	\$ 7,376.81
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Balance Unexpended	\$ 123.19
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6. Care of Dumps	\$ 1,800.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 1,782.84
Misc.	10.64

Total Expended	\$ 1,793.48
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Balance Unexpended	\$ 6.52
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7. Victory Gardens	\$ 700.00
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Expended:

Pay Roll	\$ 445.34
Supplies	254.66

Total Expended	\$ 700.00
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Balance Unexpended	\$.00
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8. Construction of West Hill Circle	
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Balance forward from 1944	\$ 834.06
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No Expenditures in 1945	
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9. Construction of Wescroft Road	
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Balance forward from 1944	\$ 1,850.90
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No Expenditures in 1945	
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10. Construction of Springvale Road	
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Balance forward from 1944	\$ 162.24
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No Expenditures in 1945	
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11.	Construction of Harvard Street		
	Balance forward from 1944	\$	341.20
	No Expenditures in 1945		
12.	Construction of Lewis Street		
	Balance forward from 1944	\$	189.77
	No Expenditures in 1945		
13.	Development Committee		
	Balance forward from 1944	\$	257.15
	No Expenditures in 1945		
14.	Post War Planning		
	Balance forward from 1944	\$	2,525.26
	Expended:		
	Engineering	\$	260.50
	Total Expended	\$	260.50
	Balance Unexpended	\$	2,264.76
15.	Chapter 90 Maintenance		
	Received from State and County	\$	1,800.00
	Transferred from Highway Dept.....		900.00
		\$	2,700.00
	Expended:		
	Pay Roll	\$	384.85
	Road Material		1,797.51
	Road Mach. Acct.		517.64
	Total Expended	\$	2,700.00
	Balance Unexpended .....	\$	.00
16.	Road Machinery Fund	\$	15,000.00
17.	Gasoline Refunds		168.30
22.	Special Appropriation 12/27/45		1,000.00
	Total	\$	16,168.30
	Expended:		
	Repairs and Gasoline	\$	10,469.24
	New Equipment		5,436.55
	Total Expended	\$	15,905.79
	Balance Unexpended	\$	262.51

Totals

Items	Appro. and Transfers	Expended	Balance
1-19	\$ 42,014.65	\$ 41,987.00	\$ 27.65
2-18-20-21	27,397.89	27,374.26	23.63
3	4,200.00	4,113.22	86.78
4	4,300.00	4,299.46	.54
5	7,500.00	7,376.81	123.19
6.	1,800.00	1,793.48	6.52
7	700.00	700.00	.00
8	834.06	.00	834.06
9	1,850.90	.00	1,850.90
10	162.24	.00	162.24
11	341.20	.00	341.20
12	189.77	.00	189.77
13	257.15	.00	257.15
14	2,525.26	260.50	2,264.76
15	2,700.00	2,700.00	.00
16-17-22	16,168.30	15,905.79	262.51

Maintenance and repair projects accounted for the greater part of the Highway Department activities during 1945. As in preceding war years, lack of materials, man-power and low appropriations seriously curtailed necessary department work. As a result, highway surfaces have suffered severely from this enforced lack of maintenance. To maintain the highways, surface spraying and sand covering was resorted to in lieu of other methods which are initially more expensive but which in the long run are more economical and much more satisfactory.

Drainage construction was carried on in a very limited fashion. Requests for adequate drainage to provide relief for citizens affected continue to flood the department. but cannot be accomplished due to small annual appropriations.

Granolithic sidewalk construction was advanced during the year, with many more applications received and on file than could be installed with the funds set aside for this work. Sidewalks in Reading are in truly deplorable condition, and, at the present rate of new construction, will remain so for a long period.

War emergency work was carried on until the cessation of hostilities, consisting of Victory Garden plowing and harrowing and paper and tin salvage collections.

Man-power shortages remained acute during the summer and fall months, but was eased somewhat in December by returning war veterans and erstwhile war workers.

A more detailed resume of the work accomplished by the Highway Department follows:

Snow and Ice

Twenty-two snow storms were recorded in Reading during 1945, eight of which were under 1" depth, five of which were under 2" depth, and nine of which were from 3½" to 26" in depth and required plowing. The following table includes only the nine storms requiring highway snow plowing:

Recorded Snowfall—1945

Date	Snowfall (inches)	Temp.	Wind Direction	Force	Remarks
Jan. 7-8	6	+24°	N.N.E.	Strong	Light and Fluffy
Jan. 14-15	3½	+12°	N.N.W.	Light	Light
Jan. 16-17	6	+10°	North to North East	Strong	Light to Mod. Heavy
Feb. 5	5	+18°	N.N.E.	Moderate	Light and Fluffy
Feb. 8-9			N.N.E.	Half Gale	Heavy Density
10-11	30	+24°	to East	to Blizzard	
Feb. 16	5	+20°	N.N.W.	Moderate	Heavy
Nov. 30				Strong to	Wet, Heavy Snow —
Dec. 1	14	+31°	N.N.E.	Gale Force	Rained Prior to Snow
Dec. 19-20	12	+18°	N.N.E.	Light to Moderate	Light and Fine
Dec. 29-30	14	+26°	N.N.E.	Light to Moderate	Medium — Heavy

Total.....95½ inches

Highway snow plowing in 1945 taxed both equipment and personnel to the utmost. As may be observed in the above table of recorded snowfall, the storms were so spaced as to require almost weekly highway plowing during the months of January, February, and December. Storms not listed in the table were interspersed between the listed storms, and a nearly unbroken cold wave from December 1944 to February 20, 1945, with no appreciable thawing or melting of snow from the previous storms had caused these light snowfalls to become traffic packed on the roadways into ice coatings, and roadside snow banks, from daytime melting and night-time freezing, had become masses of ice which could

not be moved by truck plows. Highway widening, therefore, was very difficult.

The underlying ice coating on highways also was the cause of much tire-chain breakage due to skids. When a chain broke, a truck stalled, often in drifts or snow banks, and had to be towed out. Much other mechanical breakage occurred also during these storms, and at one time during the night of February 8 and 9, all but one heavy plow unit was either broken down or stalled in the streets. At one time or another during the storms all heavy truck units sustained major mechanical breakdowns, ranging from broken springs to universal joints and cracked cylinder blocks. The light truck units also sustained major breakdowns, as did the sidewalk tractor plow units. Snow storms such as were experienced in 1945 are extremely hard on equipment as old as is the majority of the department's truck units. This necessitates continuous and expensive overhauling and repairing.

During the entire series of snow storms, all roads were kept open and passable with the exception of a portion of Wakefield Street near the Wakefield Farm. Twice during the storms this section of roadway became so drifted, between cut-banks, that the snow loader was used to remove the drifted snow.

During the December 1945 snow storms, the department's snow fighting equipment was augmented by the acquisition of a new 5-ton Sterling truck and the hiring of a 5-ton Mack truck. Another newly hired unit is a Fordson Tractor equipped with a Ferguson snow plow, which was used to plow all rough private ways which hitherto had to be hand-shoveled in severe storms.

The Barber-Greene snow loader proved its worth in 1945, with snow quickly and efficiently removed from all regularly serviced locations following each storm. Without it, and lacking adequate shovelers, much of the snow could not have been removed.

The department was again fortunate in having the assistance, during severe storms, of several former employees and citizens, who substituted as truck drivers, mechanics, etc. for regular employees who worked long hours without rest. During the series of early February storms, the men worked for 41 consecutive hours without rest.

General Highway Maintenance

Roadway maintenance work was carried on to the fullest possible extent of limited funds, with a program planned to cover as much street surfaces as possible. Honing and mixed-in-place jobs were held to a

minimum, and surface seal and spot-spray jobs a maximum, in an effort to make the available material cover the most street surface. Both sand and stone were used to cover 64,962 gallons of road oil. Sections of two streets were honed and sections of two streets were mixed-in-place jobs, the remainder being all either surface seal or spot-spray.

Roadway patching was carried on extensively through the year, the severe winter of 1944-1945 having caused road surfaces to break up badly. Both K. P. and gravel patching were done, with some commercial patching material also being used. A total of 2,300 gallons of cold patch liquid was used by the department in mixing cold patch aggregate at the garage mixing plant, and 116 tons of ready-mixed commercial patching material was used in street patching operations.

The usual sweeping and cleaning of highways was accomplished in the early Spring, and was made more difficult than usual by the unusual amount of sand used to combat icy streets during the preceding winter months.

Brush was cut from roadsides during the Fall and Winter months to eliminate traffic hazards on narrow, winding outlying streets and at dangerous intersections.

A street sign program was carried on at the garage workshop during rainy days, and many new wooden street signs were manufactured, to replace old and worn existing signs.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Chapter 90 Maintenance work was accomplished on Haverhill Street, West Street, Main Street, and Reading Square. On Haverhill and West Streets a regular surface seal job was accomplished, as was Main Street from Washington Street to the railroad crossing. On Main Street from Washington Street to Haven Street, and at the intersection of Lowell street, hot-mix sheet asphalt was applied to spalled sections of the granolithic roadway surface, and rolled in place with a medium weight gasoline roller. This method was used as an experimental measure in an effort to solve the problem of patching spalled concrete sections, at the request of the State Department of Public Works.

Chapter 83 Construction

For the third consecutive year, no streets were accepted as Public Ways, nor were any streets constructed under the provisions of Chapter 83 during 1945. Several streets, accepted in previous years, have yet to be constructed, due to shortage of man-power and materials.

Granolithic Sidewalk Construction

The following table illustrates granolithic sidewalk construction in 1945:

Granolithic Sidewalk Construction by Streets

Street	No. Lots	Feet Frontage	Square Yards
Auburn	1	82.50	48.30
Bancroft	5	368.00	254.67
California	1	80.00	47.53
Cross	1	112.00	56.15
Grand	1	58.10	39.44
Green	1	54.00	36.11
Haven	1	98.85	55.01
Highland	3	167.35	99.50
Linden	1	88.60	74.25
Middlesex	1	81.50	38.89
Prescott	2	117.20	69.88
West	1	71.19	46.69
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Total	18	1379.29	866.42

Each of the above listed granolithic sidewalks was installed at the owner's request under the provision of the Betterment Act, the property owner paying one-half the cost of construction of the sidewalk abutting his property. A number of applications are on hand for future construction, as requests for granolithic sidewalks in 1945 far exceeded in cost the funds appropriated for this work.

Several existing granolithic sidewalks were repaired during the year, after having failed from various causes. In some instances, sections of sidewalk were removed and re-laid. Tree roots, frost heaves and other physical causes were responsible for the damaged sidewalks.

Gravel and Stonedust Sidewalks

Gravel, topped with stonedust, was used to temporarily surface existing dirt sidewalks. In other sections, the existing sidewalks were surface-smoothed and stonedust applied. This is but a temporary though necessary expedient, as the sidewalks so treated remain in repair for but a short time. Stonedust was used to temporarily surface 4735 lineal feet of gravel or earth sidewalks abutting 57 different properties, totaling 2850 square yards, 70.5 tons of stonedust being used for this purpose. These installations were for the most part done on application of abutting property owners.

Granite Curbing

No new granite curbing was set in 1945, as granite quarries were still not producing cut stone for the market. A number of applications are on file for installation when curbing is again available.

It was necessary, however, to reset a number of lengths of existing granite curb, due to displacement of the curb from various reasons. Some old curbing, from stock in the highway garage yard, was set where new sidewalk construction made curbing necessary. Several two foot drive-way returns were also set, for like reasons.

Storm Water Drainage

Five storm water drain extensions were made in 1945, as illustrated in the following table:

Size and Length of Pipe

Location	30"	18"	12"	10"	8"	6"	C.B.'s	M.H.'s	Total Pipe Only
Sunnyside Ave.	60.0								60.0
Bancroft Ave.			277.0		58.0	19.0	6		354.0
Gould St.			86.0	5.0			2	2	91.0
Temple St.		64.0	600.0				6	4	664.0
Walnut St.			515.0				5	3	515.0
Totals	60.0	64.0	1478.0	5.0	58.0	19.0	19	9	1684.0

The drains shown above are only a small proportion of storm water drains listed for installation when and if funds are made available. With the limited funds appropriated annually for this work, attempts are made each year to give relief to most seriously affected regions. Complaints from property owners of inadequate surface water drainage are received in great number by the department, and most of them are justified by existing conditions. Roadway maintenance is also increased by surface-running water, causing road surface breakage, shoulder wash-outs, and frost boils in the winter months. Surveys and layouts of proposed storm drain installations are completed and on file in the department's engineering office, only awaiting funds for installation.

In addition to the drains listed in the above table, several catch basins were installed and connected to old existing drains to relieve local drain conditions.

Maintenance of Storm Drains

Cleaning of open drain ditches was somewhat curtailed in 1945, due to pressure of other work and scarcity of labor. All open ditches found in the past to cause drainage problems were however cleaned in the usual manner.

All catch basins were cleaned during the year, and extra-large quantities of material were taken from them, caused by heavy winter street sanding, severe rain storms, etc. Storm drain pipes were rodded and flushed in several sections, and culverts were cleaned of foreign objects which by accident or design had become lodged therein.

Concrete headwalls were extended at bridges crossing the Quannapowitt Drain Ditch, to prevent traffic from running into the ditch excavation. Repairs also were made to a diversion dike between Ash Street, Cross Street, and Summer Avenue. The Quannapowitt Drain Ditch functioned efficiently during the year, carrying off the water from the year's above-normal rainfall easily. This was especially true during the Spring thawing period, when deep snow accumulations melted by heavy rains caused heavy water run-offs.

Dumps

John Street public dump was maintained during the year, with a department caretaker in attendance during scheduled working hours. At various times during the year, the Bay City gas shovel and the bulldozer were used to level off and extend dumping areas. Gravel was applied as needed to fill holes and level off the access roads.

Several dead evergreen trees were removed from the screen planting adjacent to John Street and replaced with new trees, and the lawned and shrubbed areas renovated.

Roadside dumping is again being practiced in Reading by certain citizens. This is a pernicious practice, resulting in unsightly and unhealthy piles of garbage, cans, bottles, and paper on outlying streets. The John Street dump is the only legal public dumping area in Reading, is maintained for the townspeople, and they are urged to use it. Persons dumping refuse on roadsides may be subject to prosecution.

War Emergency

An active part was taken by the department in war emergency work during the year, in cooperation with the various war agencies in charge of Victory Gardening, paper and tin salvage, clothing collection, etc., and emergency equipment held in readiness for any possible need. In February, during the coal shortage, department personnel, trucks and gasoline shovel loaded and hauled bituminous coal from the Town coal stock pile at the Municipal Light Dept. yard to schools, Ration Board building, Public Library and Municipal Building, and stored same in the respective coal bins.

Victory Gardens

Reading's Victory Gardeners, many of them now veterans of three years or more of war gardening, continued active in 1945. Several gardens in new locations were plowed, but for the most part the garden areas were the same as plowed in previous years, when most of them were either virgin soil or long disused garden plots. The three years of tillage and cultivation has resulted in some very excellent garden areas.

Mild, unseasonable weather in March advanced the growing season about a month ahead of normal, and victory garden plowing started on April 7, with a goodly backlog of applications on hand. The departments

plowmen, profiting from past experience, were able to run through the list of applications rapidly, and on May 12 the plowing program was completed, with 80 separate garden plots plowed and harrowed. Many early gardens situated in the low-lands were either ruined or damaged materially by wet, cold weather in April and May, but plentiful and frequent rains during the summer months resulted in a good growing season as a whole.

With the ending of the war emergency, the department's garden plowing has terminated, and gardeners are advised that no garden plowing or harrowing will be done in the future. There are now a number of local plowmen who can be engaged for garden plowing, and gardeners who wish plowing done in the Spring of 1946 should contact them as early in the season as possible. With the food situation and the government food program what it is, home gardening appears to be as necessary or more so than heretofore.

Salvage Collection

In cooperation with the Reading Salvage Committee, Town-wide salvage collection of paper and tin were made in 1945. The following table shows the dates and approximate quantities of material collected:

Date	Material	Tons Paper (Approx.)	Tons Tin (Approx.)
March 6	Paper and Tin	40	10
May 14	Paper and Tin	40	10
August 19	Paper and Tin	46	11
Approximate Totals....		126 tons	31 tons

For each salvage collection, freight box-cars were spotted on High Street railroad siding, and in each drive two cars were completely filled, with several truck-loads of books and magazines sent to the Horovitz Yard in Stoneham. All Departmental trucks and personnel participated in these collections, assisted by trucks and personnel of the Municipal Light, Moth, Welfare, and Cemetery Departments. The August 19 collection was the final one, as the Federal sponsored collective organizations ceased to exist as of September 30, 1945. Calls are still being received at the Board of Public Works office regarding paper and tin collections, and citizens are advised henceforth to contact any of the several licensed junk dealers who operate in Reading.

Clothing Collection

Department trucks and personnel were also used to load and transport donated used clothing from various locations to a central clothing sorting and bundling depot at Pearl Street School, for donation to the United National Clothing Collection organization for war relief. This collection was made in April, and approximately 15 tons of clothing were collected, which was later hauled to Wakefield and loaded in freight cars for further destinations.

PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Park Department:

Appropriation \$ 6,000.00

Expended:

Memorial Park

Pay Roll \$ 1,215.59

Supplies 349.52

\$ 1,565.11

Leach Park

Pay Roll \$ 116.20

Skating Rink

Pay Roll \$ 93.82

Lights 66.01

Supplies 90.00

\$ 249.83

Commons

Pay Roll \$ 340.51

Repairs and Misc. 61.00

\$ 401.51

Washington Street Park

Pay Roll \$ 965.72

Supplies and Misc. 168.08

\$ 1,133.80

Birch Meadow

Pay Roll \$ 896.60

Supplies and Misc. 133.29

Lights 190.11

\$ 1,220.00

Miscellaneous

Pay Roll \$ 162.02

Supplies and Misc. 497.69

Road Machinery 653.37

\$ 1,313.08

Total Expended \$ 5,999.53

Balance Unexpended \$.47

PARK DEPARTMENT

Parks and Playgrounds again were used extensively by outdoor sports enthusiasts, and were well patronized for all seasonal sports. The Reading Recreation Committee again sponsored a broad, well-planned and excellently supervised program during the school vacation months, under the direction of a salaried director and playground staff. For a more complete record of the results achieved by the Recreation Committee in 1945, reference is made to the report of said Committee printed elsewhere in this report.

Due to the limited budget of the Park Department, it was necessary during the year to carefully plan maintenance and repair work in the parks. Large grassed areas, lawns, trees, shrubs and paths must be maintained, and annually account for a large proportion of Park Department funds, leaving but a small balance for new construction or playground apparatus.

A brief resume of improvements and maintenance work accomplished at each Park, Playground and recreation center follows:

Memorial Park

Maintenance work only was accomplished at Memorial Park during the year. The grounds were maintained to present their usual pleasing appearance, and tennis courts, playground equipment and enclosed play yard maintained. During the winter months the ice skating pond was flooded and maintained.

Memorial Park Barn has been subjected to acts of vandalism which renders it practically untenable. In addition to breaking windows, doors, etc., vandals several times attempted to burn it down by inserting dry grass under the wooden shingles and igniting same. Each time, however, quick action by the Fire Department extinguished the flames. Some action must be taken in the near future either on replacing or removing the Barn.

Birch Meadow Playground

The greater part of all seasonal playground activities in Reading again was carried on at Birch Meadow. Facilities for tennis, soft-ball, baseball, wading, camping, small children's playground, picnicing and ice sports in season were all well patronized. Much of the activities of the summer recreation program centered at this playground. All sports facilities were maintained by the department to the fullest extent of limited available funds.

During the winter months, brush and trees were cut from the section of Birch Meadow to be next developed, also from the knoll called the "Overlook." Material obtained from Spring cleaning of streets was hauled and dumped in the area stripped of brush, and the material leveled off with a bulldozer.

A new soft-ball field was laid out in the early summer months, and used extensively. The tennis courts were in constant use, and were again illuminated for night play. Acts of vandalism to the lighting equipment necessitated much replacement of fixtures, shades, and time switches.

Washington Street Ball Park

The baseball field was readied for Spring baseball practice of the High School baseball squad as early in the Spring as weather conditions warranted. The entire field was given its usual Spring cleanup, and rolled with a small rented gasoline tandem roller. Adequate maintenance work continued through the season, and a fairly good turf resulted from frequent summer rains.

The small children's play yard was set up early in July, and was in constant use in season. Two new tether-ball posts were set up in the Park, and proved popular with the teen age group.

The annual July 4th Field Day, sponsored by the Board of Public Works, was held at the Ball Park on Wednesday, July 4. Directed by a representative of the Board assisted by Recreation Committee playground supervisors, twenty-four races, novelty and special events were staged, divided by age brackets into three classes for both boys and girls. Suitable merchandise prizes were awarded to first and second place winners in each event. Approximately 350 persons participated in the Field Day, as contestants and/or spectators.

Sturges Public Ice Skating and Winter Sports Center

This ice skating and hockey center was again popular in season. Heavy rains during the latter part of 1945, coupled with cold weather, flooded the area beyond normal bounds, and made early ice. Snow from frequent storms was pushed off the skating areas with a rented Fordson-Ferguson tractor plow, and the hockey rink was kept cleared by hand labor. Night lights were again used, and several hockey teams were active. Coasting and skiing on the gentle slopes surrounding the skating pond was carried on extensively by young and old winter sports enthusiasts.

War Memorial

Maintenance of lawned areas, walks and shrubs was accomplished, and the background planting of evergreen trees kept trimmed to present an attractive appearance.

Commons and Grass Plots

The Common, Elm and Leach Parks, and intersection grass plots received no special improvements during the year, but were maintained to present a neat appearance.

The large wooden top-mast flagpole on the Common was struck by lightning during the summer, and damaged to such an extent that it was removed. Efforts to obtain a new pole are being made, but as yet have been unsuccessful.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the Sewer Department:

Construction and Maintenance Account

Appropriation	\$ 12,000.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 5,529.88
Interest on Bonds	850.00
Insurance	613.47
Misc. Tools and Supplies	1,862.80
Road Machinery Account	1,330.32
Equipment Rental	666.25
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Total Expended	\$ 10,852.72
Balance Unexpended	\$ 1,147.28

House Connection Account

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Expended:	
Pay Roll	\$ 1,491.04
Pipe, Fittings, etc.	508.57
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Total Expended	\$ 1,999.61
Balance Unexpended	\$.39

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS

Four main trunk sewer extensions totaling 762.49 feet were installed in 1945, each installation being made on applications of owners of existing residences and other buildings to connect their premises with the common sanitary sewer. No sewer underdrains were installed in 1945. Several other applications for trunk sewer extensions have been made, but, due to lack of funds in the Sewer Department Construction budget, have not been installed. Surveys and layouts have been completed for several sewer extensions by a Post War Planning project, which will, when constructed, give needed relief to a number of property owners.

The following table illustrates main trunk sewer extensions in 1945, by streets:

MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS

Location	Size and Length of Pipe				Man Holes	Y's	Totals (Pipe Only)	Possible Conn.
	6" C.I.	12" V.C.	8" V.C.	6" V.C.				
Linden St.				62.4		3	62.4	2
Summer Avenue			357.70		1	6	357.7	5
Gould St.			296.39		1	2	296.39	3
Pratt St.	46.0						46.0	1
Totals	46.0		654.09	62.4	2	11	762.49	11

Sewer Maintenance

No breaks occurred in trunk sewer mains during the year, although two stoppages occurred in main trunk sewers, one on Temple Street and one on Haven Street.

Sewers laid to flat gradients were given periodic cleanings and flushings to prevent clogging. On Pleasant and Eaton Streets wooden planks, used for cribbing when the trunk sewers were installed, had been raised above the street surface by frost action, creating a traffic hazard. The ends of these planks were cut off below the street surface and the resulting trenches patched.

Sewer House Connections

Twenty-six new sewer house connections were completed in 1945, having a total length of 1482.10 feet, at an average cost to the individual property owner of \$55.10 per connection. Thirteen of the sewer house connections were installed on a cash deposit basis, and thirteen were installed under the provisions of the Sewer Betterment Act which requires no initial deposit and permits payments to be extended over a period of years. Eighteen of the sewer house connections were installed to dwelling houses, three to stores, three to rest or convalescent homes, and two to a factory.

The annual notification citing the provisions of Chapter 280, General Laws, Acts of 1937, which became effective July 15, 1938, being an Act requiring property owners to connect their estates with the common sewer within a specified time period, was made to all owners of unconnected estates situated on sewered streets. The statute requires that properties abutting streets in which a common sewer is available or is constructed in the future must be connected thereto within a period of ten years, after, either the acceptance date of the Act by the Town (July 15, 1938) or the construction date of a sewer at a later time.

As of January 1, 1946 there are in the area serviced by the Reading sewer system 995 possible sewer house connections on existing sewered streets, of which number 751 or 75 per cent, are now connected. A majority of the remaining 244 possible sewer house connections will be directly affected by the above cited act: ie: Must be connected on or before July 15, 1948.

Sewer House Connection Maintenance

Temporary stoppages occurred in the usual number of sewer house connections during the year, from various natural and unnatural causes, ranging from tree roots growing through open pipe joints to large metal can openers and other insoluble objects being forced through sewer openings. All were cleared by the sewer department as reported by householders.

READING SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Tables Showing

Streets Containing Sewers

Length of Sewer Connections

Main Sewers in Streets

Underdrains in Streets

STREETS

Streets	Possible Con- nections	Completed Con- nections	Per Cent Con- nected	No Con- struction Started	Connected to Street Line	Partially Installed to House	Revenue Charged 1945
Arlington.....	12	8	67	1	2	1	92.38
Ash.....	17	10	59	6	..	1	137.39
Bancroft.....	29	20	69	9	..	..	201.13
Berkeley.....	27	19	70	8	..	..	222.80
Brook.....	9	5	56	2	..	2	60.93
Center.....	10	9	90	..	1	..	115.28
Chute.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	6.00
Copeland.....	8	8	100	..	..	..	137.52
Deering.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	17.20
Dudley.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	119.55
Eaton.....	12	7	58	5	..	..	33.10
Echo.....	4	3	75	1	..	..	59.91
Ellicott.....	8	5	63	3	..	..	67.71
Elm.....	4	2	50	2	..	..	12.90
Fremont.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	62.99
Fulton.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	19.20
Gardner.....	8	8	100	..	..	..	70.63
Gilmore.....	2	2	100	..	..	..	48.13
Gould.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	28.87
Green.....	53	13	81	4	1	5	552.23
Harnden.....	9	8	89	..	1	..	133.19
Harrison.....	10	8	80	2	..	..	102.43
Haven.....	16	24	74	5	5	2	703.13
High.....	17	9	53	6	2	..	122.03
Hillcrest.....	10	9	90	1	..	..	133.16
Howard.....	18	18	100	..	..	..	207.82
Ide.....	2	1	50	1	..	..	17.02
John.....	19	17	89	2	..	..	436.72
King.....	6	6	100	..	..	..	91.41
Kingston.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	121.97
Lincoln.....	7	6	85	..	1	..	104.96
Linden.....	15	10	67	4	..	1	124.69
Lowell.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	47.00
Main.....	54	45	82	..	7	2	1,056.27
Maple.....	2	1	50	..	1	..	8.05
Middle.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	11.96
Middlesex.....	24	16	66	6	..	2	278.28
Minor.....	12	9	75	..	1	2	109.55
Mt. Vernon.....	23	18	78	5	..	..	164.02
Orange.....	3	2	66	1	..	..	36.91
Parker.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	61.91
Park.....	7	6	86	..	..	1	90.93
Pearl.....	16	7	44	9	..	..	107.85
Perkins.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	98.31
Pierce.....	2	2	100	2	..	..	70.44
Pine.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	6.00
Pleasant.....	37	26	70	11	2	..	366.36
Pratt.....	7	7	100	..	..	..	73.10
Prescott.....	53	50	94	1	2	..	649.70
Prospect.....	13	10	76	7	1	..	137.38
Salem.....	24	16	67	1	7	..	286.81
Sanborn.....	15	11	73	2	..	2	317.09
School.....	10	3	30	2	..	..	83.74
Scotland.....	3	3	100	..	..	..	29.72
Smith.....	15	15	100	..	..	..	147.84
Summer.....	23	12	52	11	..	1	133.63
Sunnyside.....	1	1	100	..	..	..	10.90
Sweetser.....	5	3	60	..	2	..	38.85
Temple.....	33	16	48	..	11	6	302.19
Union.....	5	3	60	1	..	1	38.61
Village.....	22	17	77	4	..	1	195.08
Warren.....	17	15	88	..	1	1	155.82
Washington.....	39	29	74	9	1	..	314.20
Wenda.....	4	4	100	..	..	..	47.38
Wilson.....	11	9	82	2	..	..	60.74
Woburn.....	87	59	61	3	22	3	808.67
Totals.....	995	751	75	140	70	34	10,711.77

**LENGTH OF SEWER CONNECTIONS RUN TO EITHER CURB,
HOUSES, OR CONNECTED**

Streets	Curb	Houses	Connected	Total Length
Arlington	42.00	46.00	371.50	459.50
Ash			429.10	429.10
Bancroft			993.70	993.70
Berkley			1,063.20	1,063.20
Brook		85.50	252.60	338.10
Center	19.00		371.50	390.50
Chute			66.50	66.50
Copeland			506.00	506.00
Deering			55.5	55.5
Dudley			493.00	493.00
Eaton			402.00	402.00
Echo			157.00	157.00
Elliott			264.00	264.00
Elm			84.30	84.30
Fremont			209.00	209.00
Fulton			44.00	44.00
Gardner			335.10	335.10
Gilmore			81.70	81.70
Gould			425.20	425.20
Green	36.00	173.00	1,873.41	2,082.41
Harnden	32.00		257.80	289.80
Harrison			367.40	367.40
Haven	176.00	79.00	1,401.80	1,656.80
High	22.00		346.50	368.50
Hillcrest			570.00	570.00
Howard	25.00		1,157.50	1,182.50
Ide			56.50	56.50
John		37.00	770.10	807.10
King			369.10	369.10
Kingston			636.00	636.00
Lincoln	44.00		323.50	367.50
Linden		41.00	553.20	594.20
Lowell			287.00	287.00
Main	305.50	99.00	2,291.75	2,696.25
Maple	18.00		40.00	58.00
Middle			80.50	80.50
Middlesex		138.00	1,031.20	1,219.20
Minot	21.00	77.00	367.00	465.00
Mt. Vernon			914.50	914.50
Orange			128.90	128.90
Park		37.00	208.00	245.00
Parker			302.50	302.50
Pearl			647.40	647.40
Perkins			434.80	434.80
Pierce			110.20	110.2
Pine			46.00	46.00
Pleasant	28.00		1,190.30	1,218.30
Pratt			602.90	602.90
Prescott	63.00	148.00	3,256.80	3,472.80
Prospect			845.80	845.80
Salem	190.29		980.31	1,170.60
Sanborn		98.00	699.90	797.90
School			416.40	416.40
Scotland			163.00	163.00
Summer		94.00	962.40	1,056.40
Smith			602.30	602.30
Sunnyside			52.50	52.50
Sweetser	43.00		130.00	173.00
Temple	257.00	173.00	984.30	1,414.30
Union			177.00	243.00
Village		34.00	832.00	866.00
Warren	19.40	68.00	599.60	687.00
Washington	50.00	22.00	1,417.80	1,489.80
Wenda			202.50	202.50
Wilson		43.00	580.90	623.90
Woburn	352.80	160.50	3,610.60	4,123.90
Totals	1,748.99	1,719.00	40,333.97	43,801.96

LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS IN STREETS

Streets	5''	6''	8''	10''	12''	15''	18''	20''	24''	Totals
Arlington...			399.80							399.80
Ash...			822.90			258.80				1,081.70
Bancroft...		72.50	1,306.79							1,439.29
Berkeley...			1,256.10							1,256.10
Brook...									847.60	847.60
Center...			620.60							620.60
Chute...			120.00							120.00
Copeland...			500.00							500.00
Deering...		170.00								170.00
Dudley...			374.50							374.50
Eaton...					622.70	907.70				1,530.40
Echo...				95.40	79.00					174.40
Elliott...			396.00							396.00
Elm...			333.28							333.28
Fremont...			456.50							456.50
Gardner...			475.00							475.00
Gilmore...	181.80									181.80
Green...		175.20	1,717.40			821.60				2,714.20
Gould...			296.39							296.39
Harnden...			559.30							559.30
Harrison...					565.00					565.00
Haven...			1,752.80							1,752.80
High...				1,338.05	736.10					2,074.15
Hillcrest...			825.30							825.30
Howard...		300.00	1,110.00							1,410.00
Interceptors...			205.00					2,732.00		2,937.00
John...		110.00	266.00			569.60			178.50	1,124.10
King...		340.00	175.00							515.00
Kingston...			719.30							719.30
Lincoln...				573.40	538.10					1,111.50
Linden...		304.40	735.30							1,281.70
Lowell...			813.10							813.10
Main...			1,246.10		955.50			234.90		2,436.5
Maple...			189.20							189.20
Middle...			313.60							313.60
Middlesex...			1,423.40							1,423.40
Minot...			1,409.65							1,409.65
Mt. Vernon...			828.52	160.00						988.52
Orange...					396.21					396.21
Park...			507.30	322.70						830.00
Parker...			427.00							427.00
Pearl...					855.55					855.55
Perkins...			400.00							400.00
Pierce...			250.10							250.10
Pine...			226.00							226.00
Pleasant...			1,496.80		843.96					2,340.76
Pratt...		46.00	776.30							822.30
Prescott...			2,265.30		1,174.10					3,439.40
Prospect...			1,260.00							1,260.00
Salem...			1,082.10		132.50					1,214.60
Sanborn...			716.30							716.30
School...			688.25							688.25
Smith...				475.00						475.00
Summer...			1,587.10							1,587.10
Sunnyside...				264.00						264.00
Sweetser...			334.30							334.30
Temple...		896.76		432.89	661.39					1,991.04
Union...			303.60							303.60
Village...			1,015.60				487.80			1,503.40
Warren...			715.00							715.00
Washington...			424.90		246.80	312.90		1,574.30		2,558.90
Wenda...		300.00								300.00
Wilson...				471.40	333.10					804.50
Woburn...		815.80	2,999.25		917.40					4,732.45
Totals...	181.80	3,751.46	39,011.23	4,132.84	9,057.41	2,870.60	487.80	1,809.20	3,758.10	65,060.44

LENGTH OF UNDERDRAINS IN STREETS

Streets	5 Inch	6 Inch	8 Inch	10 Inch	Total Length	Total Length Sewers and Underdrain s.
Arlington						399.80
Ash	237.00			258.80	495.80	1,577.50
Bancroft						1,439.29
Berkeley		456.00			456.00	1,712.10
Brook		847.60			847.60	1,695.20
Center	620.60				620.60	1,241.20
Chute						120.00
Copeland						500.00
Deering						170.00
Dudley						374.50
Eaton		1,002.70	527.70		1,530.40	3,060.80
Echo		159.00			159.00	333.40
Elliott						396.00
Elm	383.28				383.28	766.56
Fremont		456.50			456.50	913.00
Gardner						475.00
Gilmore						181.80
Green	836.90	974.10			1,811.00	4,525.20
Harnden						559.30
Harrison						565.00
Haven		588.20			588.20	2,341.00
High		487.70	736.10		1,223.80	3,297.95
Hillcrest		450.40			450.40	1,275.70
Howard		1,410.00			1,410.00	2,820.00
Interceptors		2,937.00			2,937.00	5,874.00
John		748.10			748.10	1,872.20
King		175.00			175.00	690.00
Kingston	609.30	110.00			719.30	1,438.60
Lincoln			1,111.50		1,111.50	2,223.00
Linden	290.40	444.90			735.30	1,813.10
Lowell						873.00
Main		1,246.10	955.50	234.90	2,436.50	4,378.40
Maple	189.20				189.20	313.60
Middle						677.40
Middlesex	254.00				254.00	2,819.30
Minot	972.65	437.00			1,409.65	1,218.82
Mt. Vernon		230.30			230.30	792.42
Orange		396.21			396.21	660.00
Park	507.30		322.70		830.00	1,427.00
Parker						711.10
Pearl		855.55			855.55	1,400.00
Perkins						405.30
Pierce		155.20			155.20	452.00
Pine	226.00				226.00	3,184.56
Pleasant		374.00	469.80		843.80	1,381.90
Pratt	252.20	303.30			555.50	6,601.80
Prescott	1,070.60	2,091.80			3,162.40	2,146.00
Prospect	886.00				886.00	1,967.30
Salem	543.00	77.20	132.50		752.70	916.30
Sanborn	200.00				200.00	688.25
School						475.00
Smith						1,229.40
Summer						486.00
Sunnyside		222.00			222.00	509.30
Sweetser	175.00				175.00	2,031.04
Temple		40.00			40.00	303.60
Union						2,328.40
Village		825.00			825.00	1,430.00
Warren	715.00				715.00	4,692.90
Washington		724.00	246.80	1,163.20	2,134.00	300.00
Wenda						1,609.00
Wilson			804.50		804.50	6,845.85
Woburn	1,196.00		917.40		2,113.40	
Totals	10,164.43	19,224.86	6,224.50	1,656.90	37,270.69	101,568.64

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

The following is the yearly report of the executive office:

Appropriation	\$ 6,200.00
Expended:	
Salaries	\$ 5,284.80
Supplies and Misc.	914.51
 Total Expended	 \$ 6,199.31
 Balance Unexpended	 \$.69

The following table shows the expenditures made this past year in the major departments, the payroll of each, and the entire expenditures of the Department of Public Works:

Note: Highway includes all other departmental accounts not specifically mentioned below, such as Chapter 90, Drainage, Sidewalks, Snow and Ice, etc.

	B.P.W.	Water	Highway	Sewer	Park	Totals
Pay Roll	\$5,284.80	\$17,533.58	\$ 50,362.50	\$ 7,020.92	\$3,790.46	\$ 83,992.26
Bills	914.51	29,734.47	56,148.02	5,831.41	2,209.07	94,837.48
 Total	 \$6,199.31	 \$47,268.05	 \$106,510.52	 \$12,852.33	 \$5,999.53	 \$178,829.74

RECOMMENDATIONS

General

In this section of the yearly report it might be well to bring to the attention of the Townspeople a condition which exists in all divisions of this Department with the exception of the Water Division. Stated briefly, it is this: that many requests have been and are being received by the Department for various kinds of service. Because yearly budgets as submitted by the Department are continuously reduced it is not possible to comply with these requests for service which in most cases are reasonable.

As a result, many people are not receiving the service they might reasonably expect. Continuous postponement of the work covered by these requests will inevitably result in the necessity of large expenditures over short periods in the not too distant future. Probably by bond issue

which will entail the added expense of interest on borrowed money. It would seem more prudent and economical to meet the situation with a "Pay as you go" policy in most instances. It is therefore strongly urged that the various appropriations comprising the Board of Public Works Budget be kept at a level which will enable the Department to comply with the reasonable requests of the Townspeople yearly and thus obviate the necessity of large and costly bond issues.

Another condition which now affects all divisions of the Department is the matter of employees, or if you prefer, labor. Now that the war is over people are requesting service which they did not get and did not expect during the war. To furnish such service it will be necessary for the Department to enlarge its working force which has been kept at a minimum for the past few years.

During the war, salaries in general increased. This is particularly true in the field of labor, whether unskilled, semi-skilled or skilled. The present salary schedule of the Department is comparatively low especially in the lower brackets. The Department, if it is to be in a position to furnish the services which the Townspeople seem to desire, will be forced to raise the level of its salary schedule so that efficient, experienced workers may be attracted to employment with the Department.

It is therefore recommended that the salary schedule of the Department be revised with special attention being given to the salaries paid in the lower brackets.

Water

It is expected that the work of this division will increase substantially in the next few years due mainly to the cancellation of Government controls and proposed residential developments. The Division, due to various reasons, is in good financial condition and will, with care, be able to meet the anticipated expansion.

It will be necessary, probably in the next decade, to make many changes and extensions to the present system. If the Town continues to develop as expected it will be necessary to enlarge the supply of water, also to enlarge the filter plant and pumping station, install one or two booster pumping stations, extend the distribution system, replace small size water mains, etc. These and many other problems can be met providing care is used in expending water yearly income and accumulated reserves.

Highway

Continuous reduction of appropriations has resulted in a serious deterioration in road surfaces. Unless funds are made available soon many road surfaces will break up under continuous traffic resulting in costly repairs and reconstruction.

Applications for Granolithic Sidewalks and Granite Curbing are increasing rapidly. If the Department is to make any effort to meet the demand, appropriations must be greatly increased.

To eliminate too much repetition, the same can be said about street widenings and relocations, street betterments, equipment purchase and replacement, installation of storm drains, etc. The situation regarding storm drains is very bad. The Department has received many requests for relief for drainage troubles. A large back log of requests exists now. Most of them reasonable. The Department agrees that the conditions should be corrected. Here again the answer is the same. Without substantially increased appropriations the Department cannot possibly comply with the reasonable requests of the Townspeople. Under present appropriations the Department not only cannot extend relief in cases of new complaints it cannot extend relief in cases where poor drainage conditions have existed for several years.

Sewers

At present, the requests for sewer extensions far exceeds the amount of extensions the Department can possibly install under present appropriations. This condition warrants the careful consideration of the Townspeople. The failure to install sewer extensions in many sections owning inefficient cesspools are begging the Department to extend sewers to their properties. Each and everyone of these overflowing cesspools is a distinct menace to the general health of the Town. It is common knowledge that many serious diseases are bred under such conditions and that many of these diseases are water-borne.

It is vitally important that definite steps be taken at once to extend the sewer system rapidly and effectively to the greatest possible number of users. This can be done either by bond issue or on a "Pay as you go" policy. Either one would be a distinct improvement over the present policy.

Parks and Playgrounds

Appropriations for parks and playgrounds in past years have been barely enough to cover maintenance. Consequently it has been impossible to make any kind of improvements. Play areas have not been extended. Play equipment has not been installed. Buildings have not been constructed.

Because of statistics gathered by the Armed Services relative to the physical condition of persons entering the services a definite drive is being made to improve the facilities for general recreation. It is, of course, possible to go too far in this respect. Careful judgment should be exercised so that recreational facilities shall be expanded sensibly and in a carefully coordinated manner. Many requests for extensions and

improvements have been and will continue to be received by this Department. Some will be sensible and reasonable. Others will not. However, to grant any of the requests it will be necessary to substantially increase the Park and Playground appropriations.

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year, and to assure all those in any way associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the town.

PHILIP WELCH,
Superintendent

READING RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS — 1945

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

The Recreation Committee submits herewith its third Annual Report covering the year ending December 31, 1945.

The Committee as a whole held several meetings during the year, the sub-committees held other meetings as conditions required. Individual members also gave willingly of their time on various occasions.

At the Regular Town Meeting held in March it was voted to increase the membership of the Recreation Committee from four to seven members and Mr. Carl Pinkham, Mr. Charles Sweetser and Mr. C. Sumner Teel were elected to membership on the Committee. During the year Mrs. Mae Earley was elected a member of the Committee to replace Mrs. Edith Holcomb who resigned late in 1944. Shortly after the Town Meeting, the Committee met to organize and Mr. Harold Putnam was elected Chairman.

Mr. Grant Longley, Director of Physical Education at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., was again chosen as Director of Recreation and authorized to select a staff of assistants. The staff as finally proposed by Mr. Longley and approved by the Committee included many who had served in similar capacities in 1944. Care was taken to select an experienced, well rounded staff of employees.

Prior to the official opening of the season meetings of the playground staff were held. At these meetings instructions in playground supervision were given by Mr. Longley and assignments were given to each employee.

The summer playground program was carried on during July and August and daily attendance averaged higher than in the previous year. The program was similar to that of 1944 but included many new and interesting features.

An employment bureau was again operated in 1945. This feature of the program seems definitely worthwhile as the number of applicants and the number of jobs filled grows yearly. This year twenty-one positions were satisfactorily filled, many of which were permanent.

Continuing the practice of the previous two years each boy and girl using handicraft materials was asked to buy War Stamps to the amount represented by the cost of materials. The stamps were, of course, retained by the children. This is a popular idea with the children. In this manner stamps were sold in the amount of \$179.90.

Many activities were carried on during the season. Most of these were more successful than in previous years. The number of participants increased in practically all cases. Handicraft classes were increasingly popular and three window displays in vacant stores attracted much interest among and favorable comment from the Townspeople.

Baseball in the Midget and Junior classes was again very popular. Birch Meadow and Washington Street tied for first place in both classes. The Senior Class was not as popular as in previous years as many of the older teen age boys were not available.

Tennis was increasingly popular this year. Four tournaments were conducted. This is three more than were conducted in any previous year. Competition as a result was much keener.

Swimming was again popular with regular classes being held for beginners and advanced classes for those who wished further instruction. Many beginners were able to pass tests and received their American Red Cross certificates.

A Ragweed Contest sponsored by the Reading Woman's Club was conducted and prizes given to those collecting the greatest amount.

While not actively participating officially the Committee is still vitally interested in the Rocketeen Youth Canteen. Conferences have been held with the leaders and all possible assistance given the movement. The Committee congratulates the Royal Arcanum for the active leadership they have provided. The Committee feels that the Town should take a more active interest in this movement and that the Committee should be given funds to support, in part, this movement.

An increased number of adults participated in the program this year, many of whom were returning servicemen. With the cessation of hostilities it is expected that there will be a substantial increase in the number of adults participating in recreation activities in 1946. The committee is planning a broader program for 1946 with special attention being given to activities which will be attractive to adults and from which

the committee hopes they will derive much pleasure and better health.

Due to the necessity of paying increased salaries in 1945 the Committee was not able to employ as many supervisors as in 1944. This condition will undoubtedly continue in the future.

Hence if a real, well rounded, progressive program is to be developed with well trained, experienced supervisors it will be necessary for the Committee to request and receive larger appropriations.

The Committee wishes to extend its thanks to all who have assisted them in their efforts to conduct an attractive, healthful and educational Recreation Program. The Committee particularly wishes to acknowledge the active cooperation extended to them by the Board of Public Works, the School Committee, the Library Trustees, the Selectmen, the Churches, the Reading Chronicle and many others.

HAROLD W. PUTNAM, Chairman

HERBERT K. MILLER

REV. DR. CHARLES LANCASTER

CHARLES SWEETSER

MRS. MAE EARLEY

CARL W. PINKHAM

C. SUMNER TEEL

Recreation Committee

REPORT OF THE TREASURER **For the Year Ended December 31, 1945**

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 430,111.01
Receipts	1,742,013.56
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	\$ 2,172,124.57
Disbursements	1,734,561.18
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Balance December 31, 1945	437,563.39

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1945	\$ 258,500.00
Bonds and Notes Issued in 1945	None \$ 258,500.00
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Bonds and Notes Paid in 1945	61,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1945	197,500.00 \$ 258,500.00
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There were no temporary loans in anticipation of revenue.

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements and a statement of the trust funds are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,
Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

For the Year Ended December 31, 1945

Taxes and Assessments 1943

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$ 7,993.52	
Interest and Costs Collected	551.72	
Refund Account Taxes	2.00	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 8,415.19
Refund Account Overpayment		1.00
Adjustment .....		.03
Abated		32.56
Transferred to Tax Title		98.46
Uncollected December 31, 194500
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	\$ 8,547.24	\$ 8,547.24

Taxes and Assessments 1944

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$ 57,375.58	
Committed 1945	8.00	
Interest and Costs Collected	1,249.29	
Adjustment .....	.25	
Refund Account Taxes	41.93	
Refund Account Interest and Costs	5.01	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 50,062.31
Transferred to Tax Title		99.32
Abated		464.45
Refund Account Overpayment		13.96
Refund Account Interest and Costs		5.01
Uncollected December 31, 1945		8,035.01
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	\$ 58,680.06	\$ 58,680.06

Taxes and Assessments 1945

General Tax Warrant	\$659,895.28	
Interest and Costs Collected	367.32	
Refund Account Taxes	909.59	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	.35	
Paid Treasurer		\$602,500.00
Refund Account Overpayment		30.07
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....		.35

Abated		11,324.72
Transferred to Tax Title		830.85
Uncollected December 31, 1945		46,486.55
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	\$661,172.54	\$661,172.54

Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$ 1,273.62	
Committed 1945	10,715.45	
Interest and Costs Collected	110.47	
Refund Account Rentals	9.20	
Refund Account Interest and Costs .....	.35	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 10,818.95
Refund Account Overpayment		4.60
Refund Account Interest and Costs35
Abated		52.53
Uncollected December 31, 1945		1,232.66
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	\$ 12,109.09	\$ 12,109.09

Highway Betterment

Advance Payment Apportioned Highway	\$ 330.96	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 330.96
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	\$ 330.96	\$ 330.96

Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$ 790.15	
Committed 1945	1,024.85	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 721.77
Deferred Payments		515.47
Uncollected December 31, 1945		577.76
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	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 1,815.00
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk	\$ 248.09	
Interest Collected80	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 248.89
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	\$ 248.89	\$ 248.89

Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$	936.41		
Committed 1945		1,010.11		
Paid Treasurer			\$	705.28
Deferred Payments				599.48
Uncollected December 31, 1945				641.76
	\$	1,946.52	\$	1,946.52
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer		91.80		
Paid Treasurer				91.80
	\$	91.80	\$	91.80

Sewer House Connection

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$	703.31		
Committed 1945		714.99		
Paid Treasurer			\$	128.89
Deferred Payments				590.87
Uncollected December 31, 1945				698.54
	\$	1,418.30	\$	1,418.30
Advance Payment Sewer House Connection ..		15.94		
Paid Treasurer				15.94
	\$	15.94	\$	15.94

Granolithic Construction

Committed 1945	\$	60.37		
Paid Treasurer			\$	9.28
Uncollected December 31, 1945				51.09
	\$	60.37	\$	60.37

Certificates

Certificates of Municipal Liens	\$	102.00		
Postage .....		.06		
Paid Treasurer			\$	102.06
	\$	102.06	\$	102.06

Uncollected December 31, 1944	\$ 557.14	
Committed 1945	505.05	
Paid Treasurer		\$ 378.39
Abated		307.14
Unpaid December 31, 1945		376.66
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	\$ 1,062.19	\$ 1,062.19

Total Receipts from Taxes and Assessments ..	\$648,739.69	
Highway Assessments and Interest	330.96	
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest	970.66	
Sewer Assessments and Interest	11,616.03	
House Connections and Interest	144.83	
Granolithic Construction	9.28	
Motor Vehicle Assessments	10,069.48	
Interest Costs, etc.	2,648.78	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts...		\$674,529.71
	<u>\$674,529.71</u>	<u>\$674,529.71</u>

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TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Receipts and Expenditures

For the Year ended December 31, 1945

RECEIPTS 1945

FROM TAXES

1943 Personal	\$ 103.05
Real Estate	7,618.29
1944 Poll	14.00
Personal	1,155.07
Real Estate	46,773.63
1945 Poll	5,670.00
Personal	27,123.00
Real Estate	555,338.04

\$643,795.08

Estate of Deceased Persons

\$ 378.39

Tax Title Redemptions

\$ 4,011.16

From the State:

Income Tax	\$ 67,766.50
Corporation Tax	45,178.52
Meals Tax, Chap. 729, Acts 1941.....	3,388.11
Gasoline Tax	19,480.32

\$135,813.45

From the County:

Dog License Fees

1,561.43

From Special Assessments added to Taxes:

Moth and Tree Work	\$ 807.82
Sewer	1,074.91
Sewer House Connections	346.97
Sidewalk	1,729.83
Highway	1,709.32
Victory Gardens Plowing	125.88

\$ 5,794.73

Betterment Assessments Advance Payments:

Sewer	\$ 91.80
Sewer House Connections	15.94
Sidewalk	248.09
Highway	330.96

\$ 686.79

From Motor Vehicle Excise

\$ 10,069.48

From Licenses and Permits:

Board of Selectmen:

Revolver	\$ 43.00
Common Victualers	24.50
Theater	58.00
Second Hand Auto	60.00
Junk	20.00
Second Hand Furniture	6.00
Lord's Day	110.00
Taxicab	11.00
Trucking	9.00
Bowling and Pool	10.00
Auctioneers	12.00
Inn Holder	1.00
Peddler	1.00
Trailer	2.00
Juke Box	16.00
Advertising Hearings	4.46

\$ 387.96

Board of Health:

Physiotherapist	\$ 1.00
Undertaker	7.00
Frozen Desserts	10.00
Pasteurization	10.00

\$ 28.00

Town Clerk:

Dog License for County	\$ 1,787.20
Dog Licenses for Town	161.80
Sporting License for State	844.25
Sporting License for Town	105.00
Birth Certificates	42.00
Death Certificates	48.00
Voters Certificates	2.75
Marriage Licenses and Certificates	299.50
Mortgages and Discharges	213.93
Postage .....	.45
Pole Locations	45.80
Dog License Transfers	2.00
Certificate of Business	9.00
Duplicate Dog Tag .....	.30
Gas Permits	20.50

Certificate of Residence .....	.50	
Married Women's Certificates	1.50	
Bill of Sale	2.00	
Permit to sell Christmas Trees	5.00	
Certificate of Chiropody25	
Certificate of Medicine25	
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		\$ 3,591.98
Fines and Forfeits:		
Court Fines		\$ 700.35
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
From Tax Collector:		
Costs and Charges	\$ 398.80	
Certificates	102.06	
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		\$ 500.86
Board of Appeal, Adv. Hearings		\$ 20.00
Police Department:		
Ambulance Fees	\$ 527.00	
Bicycle Registration	40.75	
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		\$ 567.75
Moth and Tree Department:		
Moth and Tree Work Charges		\$ 1,636.47
Sealer of Weights and Measures Fees		38.22
Inspector Milk and Food Fees		22.50
Inspector of Buildings Fees		156.50
Health and Sanitation:		
Sewer Rentals	\$ 10,708.48	
Sewer Rentals Costs	67.55	
State Subsidy	480.72	
Other Cities and Towns, Contagious		
Diseases	687.26	
Comm. of Mass. Div. of T.B.	1,580.00	
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		\$ 13,524.01
Public Works Department:		
Road Machinery Account Rentals	\$ 14,945.86	

Comm. Mass. Snow Plowing	1,079.00	
Victory Gardens Plowing	414.00	
Sundry Charges	551.02	
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		\$ 16,989.88
Charities and Aid:		
Reimbursement for General Aid:		
From the State	\$ 2,534.86	
From Other Cities and Towns	1,728.50	
Sundry Parties	820.05	
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		\$ 5,083.41
Reimbursement for A. D. C.:		
From the State	\$ 3,951.00	
Reimbursement for O. A. A.:		
From the State	\$ 57,721.64	
From Other Cities and Towns	3,189.04	
From Individuals and Estates	1,920.05	
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		\$ 62,830.73
Reimbursement for Sick, State, Poor:		
From the State	\$ 339.25	
Reimbursement for Burial:		
From the State	\$ 300.00	
United States Government Federal Grants:		
For Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..	\$ 545.45	
For Aid to Dependent Children Aid	2,322.89	
For Old Age Assistance Adm.	1,578.11	
For Old Age Assistance Aid	46,933.83	
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		\$ 51,380.28
Veterans Benefits:		
Reimbursement from State:		
State Aid	\$ 170.00	
Military Aid	302.50	
War Allowance	1,460.15	
Other Cities and Towns	70.00	
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		\$ 2,002.65
School Department:		
Comm. Mass. Vocational Education....	\$ 534.74	
City of Boston, Tuition City Wards ...	397.23	

Tuition, Other Towns	11,251.50	
Comm. Mass. Milk Fund	6,066.06	
Cafeteria Receipts	21,287.17	
Miscellaneous	196.85	
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		\$ 39,733.55
Library:		
Fines		\$ 825.30
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Light Department:		
Sales, Light and Power		
Street Lighting		
Merchandise and Jobbing		
Miscellaneous		\$462,362.55
Water Department:		
Sale Water, Meter Rates	\$ 46,782.42	
Miscellaneous	2,170.19	
Water Rates added to Taxes	98.87	
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		\$ 49,051.48
Cemetery Department:		
Sale Lots and Graves	\$ 2,795.00	
Annual Care, Interments, etc.	4,407.25	
Soldiers Graves Account	124.00	
Guarantee Deposits	60.00	
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		\$ 7,386.25
Sewer Department:		
Guarantee Deposits House Connections		\$ 554.33
Interest:		
Deferred Taxes	\$ 1,765.83	
Deferred Special Assessments	617.03	
Tax Title Redemptions	600.04	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3.70	
Sewer Rentals	42.92	
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		\$ 3,029.52

AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Hospital Fund, Gilman L. Parker:

Income	\$ 2,862.50
Sale of Securities	14,494.56

\$ 17,357.06

Hospital Fund, Anne S. Grouard:

Additional Bequest	\$ 716.31
Income	2,191.26
Sale Securities	36,105.00

\$ 39,012.57

Cemetery Bequest Fund:

Requests	\$ 8,253.93
Income	1,529.72
Sale Securities	9,382.17
Care Endowed Lots and Graves	2,710.22

\$ 21,876.04

Library — H. G. Wadlin Fund:

For Transfer	\$ 70.75
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R. H. S. Scholarship Fund:

Income	\$ 92.50
For Transfer	100.00

\$ 192.50

Post War Rehabilitation Fund:

Income	\$ 495.87
Withholding for Income Taxes	\$ 62,788.53
Blue Cross	3,125.90
Salvage Fund	2,572.77

Refunds General Accounts:

Veterans' Benefits	\$ 122.00
Land Court	34.50
School Department	31.55
Insurance	270.76
Fire Department	4.00
Contagious Diseases	194.25
Civilian Defense	26.62
School Transportation	220.00

Miscellaneous Expense	2.00
Library	4.00
Municipal Building	14.30
Public Welfare General Aid	137.50
Public Welfare Old Age Asst.	253.76
Treasurer's Department	1.00

\$ 1,316.24

Other Refunds:

Gas Tax Refunds	\$ 168.30
Tercentenary Committee	122.75

\$ 291.05

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Insurance Account:

Municipal Light Department	\$ 1,392.69
Water Department	700.23
Sewer Department	613.47

\$ 2,706.39

Coal Account:

School Department	\$ 2,661.05
Municipal Building	245.29
Library	235.00
Center School Building	267.44
Police Station	192.18
Fire Stations	81.04

\$ 3,682.00

Selectmen's Expenses	\$ 11.95
Premium and Interest	51.00
Comm. Mass. Chap. 90	1,867.54
County of Middlesex Chap. 90	1,867.54

\$ 3,798.03

UNCLASSIFIED:

Municipal Light Dept. to Town	\$ 50,000.00
Peddler's License, State	16.00
Sale Land	1,885.25
Insurance, Flag Pole	1,070.00
Recording Fee	2.00
Tailings Account	32.74
Fire Loss, Park Dept.	210.00
Sale Material	214.25
Rent Tax Title Property	189.00
Tax Title Account	3.33
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	\$ 53,622.57
Total Receipts	<hr/>
	\$ 1,742,013.56

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS

General Revenue:

Taxes, Town	\$644,173.47
Taxes, State	135,813.45
Licenses and Permits	4,007.94
Grants and Gifts	1,561.43
Tax Title Redemptions	4,011.16
Special Assessments	17,190.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	10,069.48
Departmental Accounts	6,496.02
Federal Grants	51,380.28
School Department	39,733.55
Road Machinery Account	14,945.86
Charities	72,504.39
Fines and Fees	2,831.48

Public Service Enterprises:

Light Dept.	462,362.55
Water Dept.	49,051.48
Cemeteries	7,386.25
Interest	3,029.52
Agency, Trust and Investment	148,046.32
Refunds and Reimbursements	11,793.71
Light Dept. to Treasury	50,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,002.65
Sale Land and Material	2,099.50
Insurance	1,280.00
Unclassified	243.07
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	\$ 1,742,013.56

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

General Government:

	Balance from 1944	Appropriated 1945	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
		\$		\$	\$		\$
Selectmen's Expenses		1,000.00		1,000.00	950.04		49.96
Selectmen's Clerical		1,069.70		1,069.70	1,069.70		
Town Accountant's Salary		1,709.54		1,709.54	1,709.54		
Treasurer's Salary		1,575.00		1,575.00	1,575.00		
Treasurer's Expenses		800.00		800.00	795.28		4.72
Treasurer's Clerical		400.00		400.00	397.75		2.25
Collector's Salary		2,415.00		2,415.00	2,415.00		
Collector's Expenses		1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	1,165.26		34.74
Collector's Clerical		800.00	100.00	900.00	900.00		
Assessors' Salaries		2,760.00		2,760.00	2,760.00		
Assessors' Expenses		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,442.17		57.83
Assessors' Clerical		3,211.00		3,211.00	3,211.00		
Town Counsel's Salary		1,312.50		1,312.50	1,312.50		
Town Counsel's Expenses		550.00	150.00	700.00	666.14		33.86
Town Clerk's Salary		1,102.50		1,102.50	1,102.50		
Town Clerk's Expenses		500.00	200.00	700.00	676.05		23.95
Registrars' Salaries		347.29		347.29	347.29		
Registrars' Expenses, Special		1,100.00		1,100.00	997.95		102.05
Election and Registration Expense		800.00		800.00	707.43		92.57
Planning Board Expenses		100.00		100.00	41.25		58.75
Miscellaneous Expense		3,900.00	200.00	4,100.00	4,057.94		42.06
Municipal Building Maintenance ..		2,600.00	14.30	2,614.30	2,591.58		22.72
		\$ 30,552.53	\$ 864.30	\$ 31,416.83	\$ 30,891.37		\$ 525.46

Protection of Persons and Property:

	Balance from 1944	Appropriated 1945	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
Police Dept. Salaries		\$ 43,241.64		\$ 43,241.64	\$ 41,449.60		\$ 1,792.04
Patrick J. Long, Pension		1,273.39		1,273.39	1,273.39		
Francis T. Slack, Pension			854.72	854.72	854.72		17.04
Police Dept. Maintenance		5,625.00	200.00	5,825.00	5,807.96		166.57
Police Station Maintenance		1,583.75	125.00	1,708.75	1,542.18		18.84
Fire Dept. Salaries		25,898.10	75.00	25,973.10	25,954.26		92.83
Fire Dept. Callmen		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,907.17		
O. O. Ordway, Pension		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		1.89
Fire Dept. Maintenance		4,000.00	4.00	4,004.00	4,002.11		1.12
Fire Stations Maintenance		2,730.00		2,730.00	2,728.88		19.62
Fire Station Alteration	\$ 2,498.70			2,498.70	2,479.08		21.31
Fire Alarm Maintenance		1,487.50		1,487.50	1,466.19		
Fire Alarm Extension		300.00		300.00	300.00		
Hydrant Rentals		500.00		500.00	500.00		
Moth and Tree Depts.		10,464.00		10,464.00	10,389.99		74.01
Inspector of Buildings Salary		551.25		551.25	551.25		
Inspector of Wires Salary		210.00		210.00	210.00		
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Salary...		551.25		551.25	551.25		
Sealer of Wts. and Meas. Expenses		250.00		250.00	180.25		69.75
Game Warden Salary		105.00		105.00	105.00		
Dog Officer Salary		330.75		330.75	330.75		
Police Ambulance	4,400.00			4,400.00			4,400.00
	\$ 6,898.70	\$103,401.63	\$ 1,258.72	\$111,559.05	\$104,884.03		\$ 6,675.02

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1944	Appropriated 1945	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
Health and Sanitation:							
Board of Health Salaries		\$ 315.00		315.00	315.00		
Board of Health Expenses		275.00		275.00	250.41		24.59
Inspector of Plumbing Salary		525.00		525.00	240.00		285.00
Inspector of Animals Salary		220.50		220.50	220.50		
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary.		220.50		220.50	220.50		
Care of Contagious Diseases		5,000.00	160.25	5,160.25	4,300.57		859.68
Garbage Collection		3,000.00	400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00		
Dental Clinic		650.00		650.00	650.00		
Child Welfare		400.00		400.00	400.00		
	\$	\$ 10,606.00	\$ 560.25	\$ 11,166.25	\$ 9,996.98		\$ 1,169.27
Charities and Aid:							
General Aid Administrative		\$ 4,900.00		\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,895.98		\$ 4.02
General Aid		20,000.00	7.00	20,007.00	12,681.61		7,325.39
Aid to Dependent Children Adm. ..		800.00		800.00	753.53		46.47
Aid to Dependent Children		13,000.00		13,000.00	10,237.72		2,762.28
A. D. C. Adm. Federal Grants			545.45	545.45	545.45		
A. D. C. Federal Grants			2,322.89	2,322.89	2,322.89		
Old Age Assistance Adm.		6,400.00		6,400.00	6,350.18		49.82
Old Age Assistance		72,500.00	222.00	72,722.00	72,672.67		49.33
Old Age Asst. Federal Grants Adm.			1,578.11	1,578.11	1,578.11		
Old Age Asst. Federal Grants Aid			46,933.83	46,933.83	46,933.83		

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance from 1944	Appropriated 1945	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
Public Works:							
Administrative Expense		\$ 6,200.00		\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,198.31		.69
Highway Department		42,000.00	100.00	42,100.00	41,072.35	1,000.00	27.65
Snow and Ice Removal		20,000.00	7,300.00	27,300.00	27,276.37		23.63
Sidewalk Construction		4,300.00		4,300.00	4,300.00		
Drainage Construction		7,500.00		7,500.00	7,376.81		123.19
Maintenance Storm Drains		4,200.00		4,200.00	4,113.22		86.78
Maintenance Town Dump		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,793.48		1.52
Park Dept.		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,999.53		.47
Sewer Dept. Maintenance		12,000.00		12,000.00	10,852.72		1,147.28
Sewer Dept. House Connections ...		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,999.61		.39
Water Dept.		50,000.00	98.33	50,098.33	47,267.30	2,831.03	
Drinking Fountains		100.00		100.00	100.00		
Mineral St. Bridge Plans	\$ 250.00			250.00			250.00
Wescroft Rd. Betterment	1,850.90			1,850.90			1,850.90
Bond Street Betterment	26.96			26.96			26.96
Springvale Rd. Betterment	162.24			162.24			162.24
West Hill Circle Betterment	834.06			834.06			834.06
Drainage System Installation	1,050.50			1,050.50			1,050.50
Road Machinery Account	14,135.00		16,732.28	30,867.28		1,600.00	14,867.28
Road Machinery Fund	1,786.42	15,000.00	1,168.30	17,954.72	15,905.79	1,786.42	262.51
Special Comm. Low Cost Housing..	257.15			257.15			257.15
Harvard Street Betterment	351.20			351.20			351.20
Lewis St. Betterment	189.77			189.77			189.77

Relocation Hopkins & Main Sts. . .	1.00	1.00
Victory Gardens	700.00	700.00
Post War Plans	2,525.26	260.50
Highway Chap 90	3,000.00	2,700.00
		300.00

	\$ 23,420.46	\$ 171,800.00	\$ 28,398.91	\$ 223,619.37	\$ 177,916.99	\$ 21,917.45	\$ 23,784.93
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Unclassified:

Memorial Day Observance		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 20.00
Int., not incl. Water, Light, Sewer		2,656.25	2,656.25	1,906.25	750.00
Maturing Debt, not incl. Water, Lt.		32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	
Insurance		11,952.77	14,682.13	13,793.44	888.69
Contributory Retirement System..		21,012.00	21,012.00	21,012.00	
		417.50	417.50	417.50	
Servicemen's Retirement		4,500.00	26.62	3,795.32	1,048.09
Civilian Defense	316.79	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Street Lighting		250.00	17.50	162.75	104.75
Land Court Expense				96.25	153.75
Land Court Special	250.00				145.28
Reserve Fund		8,000.00	8,000.00	600.00	
Care Soldiers' Graves		600.00	600.00	578.78	
Street List Publication		600.00	600.00		21.22
Rent Legion Quarters		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Rent V: F. W. Quarters		500.00	500.00	500.00	
Town Forest		1,700.00	1,700.00	1,560.00	140.00
Recreation Committee		4,500.00	4,500.00	4,498.44	1.56
Post War Planning Committee . . .	500.00		500.00		500.00
Capital Exp. Planning Committee..	314.09	350.00	665.09	291.67	372.42
Dog Pound	228.17		100.00	291.44	36.73

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Appropriated from 1944 1945	Other Credits	Total	Payments	Transfers	Balance Dec. 31
Coal Purchase Fund		2,000.00	2,000.00	1,987.92		12.08
Unpaid Bills, Veterans' Benefits....		50.00	50.00	50.00		
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	\$ 1,609.05	\$106,038.52				
Municipal Light Dept.	\$117,868.43		\$580,230.98	\$429,908.93		\$150,322.05
Municipal Light Dept. Special	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Municipal Light Dept. Underground	1,431.59		1,431.59			1,431.59
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	\$124,909.07		\$698,233.62	\$532,430.69	\$ 7,854.72	\$157,948.21
Refunds, Taxes, Assessments, etc.		1,142.73	1,142.73	1,142.73		
Hospital Fund		23,206.49	23,206.49	23,206.49		
Cemetery Bequest Fund		18,763.93	18,763.93	18,763.93		
Anne S. Grouard Fund		38,029.56	38,029.56	38,029.56		
R. H. S. Scholarship Fund		167.50	167.50	167.50		
Public Library Fund		70.75	70.75	70.75		
Premium and Interest		51.00	51.00	51.00		
Sewer H. C. Guarantee Dep. Acct.		17.37	17.37	17.37		
Dog Fees to County		1,804.00	1,804.00	1,804.00		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00		
Special Fund Welfare		10.00	10.00	10.00		
Salvage Fund		314.59	314.59	314.59		
Sporting Licenses to State		828.25	828.25	828.25		
Withholding Tax		62,149.57	62,149.57	62,149.57		
Special Fund O. A. A.		370.75	370.75	370.75		

Blue Cross	1,157.55	1,157.55	1,157.55	
Middlesex County Hospital	5,204.36	5,204.36	5,204.36	
Middlesex County Tax	24,147.09	24,147.09	24,147.09	
Metropolitan Sewer Assessment ..	13,383.41	13,383.41	13,383.41	
State Parks and Reservations	417.48	417.48	417.48	
State Tax	19,380.00	19,380.00	19,380.00	
State Audit Municipal Accounts ...	1,784.00	1,784.00	1,784.00	
State Audit Retirement System	80.56	80.56	80.56	
Grand Totals	\$161,037.11	\$930,728.45	\$337,480.94	\$217,966.53

RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

Departmental Expenditures	\$814,073.71
Public Service Enterprises:	
Municipal Light Department	431,908.93
Water Department	47,267.30
Interest, not incl. Water, Light, Sewer	1,906.25
Funded Debt not incl. Water and Light	32,000.00
Agency, Trust and Investment	209,791.74
State and County Taxes and Assts.	64,396.90
Contributory Retirement System	21,429.50
Withholding for Income Taxes	62,149.57
Civilian Defense	3,795.32
Street Lighting	15,000.00
Insurance	13,793.44
Refunds, Taxes, etc.	1,142.73
Road Machinery Fund	15,905.79
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	\$ 1,734,561.18

TREASURER'S CASH

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1945	\$430,111.01
Receipts 1945	1,742,013.56
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	\$ 2,172,124.57
Payments 1945	1,734,561.18
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1945	\$437,563.39
Tax Titles:	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 6,378.32
Taxes, Assts., etc. on property taken	1,195.77
Cash, redemption of property	\$ 4,011.16
Taxes on property foreclosed	641.32
Cash sales	141.00
Adjustment	65.96
Loss on sale	170.30
Abate	449.06
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945	2,095.29
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	\$ 7,574.09
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	\$ 7,574.09

Tax Title Possessions:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 5,781.24	
Taxes on property transferred	641.32	
Gain on Sales	290.71	
Cash, property sold		\$ 1,729.25
Loss on sales		355.94
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945		4,628.08
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	\$ 6,713.27	\$ 6,713.27

Water Rates:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 5,342.69	
Meter Rates, etc. 1945	49,134.11	
Refunds	166.08	
Cash		\$ 48,952.61
Discounts and Credits		468.71
To Taxes		123.56
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945		5,098.00
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	\$ 54,642.88	\$ 54,642.88

Water Rates added to Taxes 1944:

Balance Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 46.63	
Cash		\$ 11.67
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945		34.96
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	\$ 46.63	\$ 46.63

Water Rates added to Taxes 1945:

Commitments	\$ 123.56	
Cash		\$ 87.20
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945		36.36
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	\$ 123.56	\$ 123.56

Water Reserve:

Cash, Water Rates to Taxes		\$ 98.87
Transfer from Water Dept. Maint.		2,831.03
Transfer from Estimated Receipts Def.	\$ 1,213.47	
Transferred to Water Available Surplus ..	1,716.43	
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	\$ 2,929.90	\$ 2,929.90

Water Available Surplus:

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$ 46,981.11
Transfer from Water Reserve		1,716.43
Balance to 1946	\$ 48,697.54	
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	\$ 48,697.54	\$ 48,697.54

Municipal Light Dept. Accounts Receivable:

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 39,551.58	
Charges 1945	505,822.61	
Cash		\$461,002.67
Discounts and Credits		34,898.05
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945		49,473.47
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	\$545,374.19	\$545,374.19

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Deposits:

Balance Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 13,163.54	
Cash Receipts	5,435.00	
Refunds		\$ 3,334.54
Balance Dec. 31, 1945		15,264.00
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	\$ 18,598.54	\$ 18,598.54

Cemetery Reserve Fund:

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$ 6,544.02
Cash Receipts, Sale Lots and Graves		2,795.00
Transferred to Cemetery Maint.	\$ 1,000.00	
Balance to 1946	8,339.02	
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	\$ 9,339.02	\$ 9,339.02

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Balance for January 1, 1945	\$ 27,419.31	
Charges 1945	88,181.36	
Adjustments	-151.27	
Cost		\$ 95,647.43
Adjustments		1,058.65
Transfers to Tax		822.77
Balance December 31, 1945		18,223.09
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	\$115,751.94	\$115,751.94

CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Selectmen's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Telephone	\$ 132.14	
Printing and Stationery	145.51	

Postage and Box Rent	66.94	
Towel Supply	19.20	
Selectmen's Assn.	9.00	
Reimbursement for Expenses	496.75	
Dog Cases	5.00	
Hearings	30.00	
All Others	45.50	
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Total Payments	\$ 950.04	
Balance to Revenue	49.96	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Selectmen's Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 1,069.70
Salary, Clerk	\$ 1,069.70	
Town Accountant's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 1,709.54
Salary, Town Accountant	\$ 1,709.54	
Treasurer's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 1,575.00
Salary, Treasurer	\$ 1,575.00	
Treasurer's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 800.00
Telephone	56.71	
Stamped envelopes and postage	599.92	
Office supplies	123.40	
All Other	15.25	
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Total Payments	\$ 795.28	
Balance to Revenue	4.72	
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	\$ 800.00	
Treasurer's Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Clerk Hire	\$ 397.75	
Balance to Revenue	2.25	
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	\$ 400.00	
Collector's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 2,415.00
Salary, Collector	\$ 2,415.00	
Collector's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		200.00
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		\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 45.18	
Stamped envelopes and postage	525.35	
Books and Printing	285.75	

Advertising	10.00	
Towel Supply	8.40	
Office supplies and equipment	275.67	
Registry of Deeds	9.30	
All Other	5.61	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,165.26	
Balance to Revenue	34.74	
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	\$ 1,200.00	
Collector's Clerical, Appropriation		\$ 800.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		100.00
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		\$ 900.00
Clerk Hire	\$ 900.00	
Board of Assessors' Salaries, Appropriation ..		\$ 2,760.00
Salaries, Assessors	\$ 2,760.00	
Board of Assessors Expenses, Appropriation ..		\$ 1,500.00
Assistant Assessor	\$ 116.40	
Telephone	44.89	
Postage	10.00	
Towel Supply	9.10	
Office Supplies and Printing	340.64	
Travel and Auto Hire	91.00	
Registry of Deeds	63.02	
Assoc. Meetings	98.55	
Plans and Correction	516.75	
Appraisals	125.00	
Appellate Board	26.82	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,442.17	
Balance to Revenue	57.83	
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	\$ 1,500.00	
Board of Assessors' Clerical, Appropriation ..		\$ 3,211.00
Salaries, Clerks	\$ 3,211.00	
Town Counsel's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 1,312.50
Salary, Town Counsel	\$ 1,312.50	
Town Counsel's Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 550.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		150.00
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		\$ 700.00

Stenographic Services	\$	453.20		
Telephone, tolls		60.24		
Stationery		53.50		
Annotated Laws		12.00		
Postage, carfares, etc.		50.05		
Examining Title		25.00		
Recording		12.15		
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Total Payments	\$	666.14		
Balance to Revenue		33.86		
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	\$	700.00		
Town Clerk's Salary, Appropriation			\$	1,102.50
Salary Town Clerk	\$	1,102.50		
Town Clerk's Expenses, Appropriation			\$	500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund				200.00
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			\$	700.00
Vital Statistics	\$	13.75		
Clerical Services		385.95		
Telephones		5.98		
Printing and Postage		80.65		
Stationery and Supplies		183.72		
Membership Dues		4.00		
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	\$	674.05		
Balance to Revenue		25.95		
	\$	700.00		
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Board of Registrars' Salaries, Appropriation ..			\$	347.29
Salaries, Board of Registrars	\$	347.29		
Board of Registrars' Expenses, Appropriation..				1,100.00
Payroll		832.05		
Auto Hire		51.00		
Stationery and Printing		114.90		
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Total Payments	\$	797.95		
Balance to Revenue		102.05		
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	\$	1,100.00		
Election and Registration Expenses, Appro. ..			\$	800.00
Election Officers	\$	202.05		
Installing Booths		53.54		

Rent Hall	138.00	
Voters Lists, Ballots, etc.	292.50	
Ballot Boxes	16.08	
Stationery	5.26	
Total Payments	\$ 707.43	
Balance to Revenue	92.57	
	\$ 800.00	
Planning Board Expenses, Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Clerical	\$ 14.59	
Blue Printing	13.16	
Map Mounting	13.50	
Total Payments	\$ 41.25	
Balance to Revenue	58.75	
	\$ 100.00	
Miscellaneous Expense, Appropriation		\$ 3,900.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		200.00
		\$ 4,100.00
Clerical	\$ 1,487.25	
Printing Town Report	1,133.90	
Other Printing and Stationery	65.04	
Care and Lighting of O. S. C.	153.73	
Finance Committee Expenses	174.30	
Board of Appeal Expenses	65.00	
Inspector of Wires Expenses	6.75	
Dog Officer's Expenses	71.09	
Office Equipment	148.79	
Traffic Control	628.08	
War Memorial	2.70	
Reading Sign	24.29	
Coal Emergency	32.53	
Honor Roll	52.84	
All Other	11.65	
Total Payments	\$ 4,057.94	
Balance to Revenue	42.06	
	\$ 4,100.00	

Municipal Building Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 2,600.00
Janitor's Services	\$ 1,339.85	
Janitor's Supplies	182.86	
Fuel	432.30	
Lighting	350.52	
Water and Sewer	32.47	
Ash Removal	16.00	
Repairs, Building and Grounds	179.66	
Flags, etc.	30.05	
All Other	13.57	
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Total Payments	\$ 2,577.28	
Balance to Revenue	22.72	
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	\$ 2,600.00	

Civilian Defense:

Balance from 1944		\$ 316.79
Appropriation 1945		4,500.00
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		\$ 4,816.79
Rationing Board Payroll	\$ 1,494.00	
Janitor's Services	440.00	
Towels	23.40	
Ice	42.54	
Fuel	810.56	
Telephone	264.09	
Building Repairs	251.58	
Supplies	176.95	
Lighting	144.48	
Ash Removal	15.20	
Women's Defense Telephone	54.30	
Water and Sewer	24.60	
Janitor's Supplies	27.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 3,768.70	
Balance to Revenue	1,048.09	
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	\$ 4,816.79	

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department, Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 43,241.64
Salary and Pension of Chief	\$ 2,762.75	
Salary, Sergt. and Acting Chief	2,833.98	

Salaries, Sergeants (2)	5,556.60	
Salaries, Patrolmen	28,696.27	
Clerk	1,500.00	
Keeper of Lock-up	100.00	
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	\$ 41,449.60	
Balance to Revenue	1,792.04	
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	\$ 43,241.64	
Pensions: Patrick J. Long, Francis T. Slack		
Appropriation		\$ 2,128.11
Pension Payments	\$ 2,128.11	
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Police Department Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 5,625.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		200.00
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		\$ 5,825.00
Chief's Expense	\$ 40.51	
Telephone Expense	178.40	
Gasoline	781.25	
Traffic Lights	761.89	
Traffic Lanes	485.33	
Radio Repairs	335.55	
Printing and Stationery	116.20	
Coats and Caps	43.30	
New Car	1,150.00	
Automobile Repairs	1,059.95	
New Tires	128.84	
Teletype Expense	517.27	
Station Signals	105.90	
Bicycle Registration Expense	30.40	
All Other	73.17	
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Total Payments	\$ 5,807.96	
Balance to Revenue	17.04	
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	\$ 5,825.00	
Police Station Maintenance, Appropriation ...		
Transfer from Reserve Fund		\$ 1,583.75
		125.00
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		\$ 1,708.75
Water and Sewer	\$ 34.80	
Gas and Electricity	214.33	

Fuel	342.23	
Repairs	115.85	
Janitor's Supplies	96.22	
Janitor's Salary	708.72	
Laundry	30.03	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,542.18	
Balance to Revenue	166.57	
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	\$ 1,708.75	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Appropriation		\$ 25,898.10
Transfer from Reserve Fund		75.00
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		\$ 25,973.10
Salary, Chief	\$ 3,009.83	
Salary, Deputy Chief	2,778.30	
Salary, Captain	2,662.53	
Salary, Lieutenant	2,546.77	
Salaries, Privates	14,956.83	
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Total Payents	\$ 25,954.26	
Balance to Revenue	18.84	
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	\$ 25,973.10	
Fire Dept. Salaries, Call Men, Appropriation ..		\$ 3,000.00
Salaries, Men	\$ 2,907.17	
Balance to Revenue	92.83	
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	\$ 3,000.00	
O. O. Ordway, Pension, Appropriation		\$ 1,300.00
Pension Payments	\$ 1,300.00	
Fire Department Maintenance, Appropriation..		\$ 4,000.00
Refund		4.00
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		\$ 4,004.00
Chief's Expenses	\$ 8.75	
Telephone	211.52	
Laundry	315.79	
Bedding, etc.	80.74	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance	503.90	
Gasoline and Oil	297.92	
Repairs Other Equipment ..	50.74	
New Hose	1,402.50	
New Appliances	205.53	
Equipment and Supplies	433.70	

Office Expense	102.78	
Helmets, Coats, etc.	56.68	
Forest Fires	68.32	
All Others	263.24	
Total Payments	\$ 4,002.11	
Balance to Revenue	1.89	
	\$ 4,004.00	
Fire Stations Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 2,730.00
Central Station		
Gas	\$ 56.12	
Fuel	210.11	
Building Repairs	1,325.94	
Lighting	106.47	
Water and Sewer	49.30	
Supplies	228.79	
Furnishings	108.60	
	\$ 2,085.33	
Engine 2 Station		
Fuel	\$ 180.45	
Building Repairs	238.34	
Lighting	52.61	
Water and Sewer	6.00	
Supplies	41.15	
Steward	125.00	
	\$ 643.55	
Total Payments	\$ 2,728.88	
Balance to Revenue	1.12	
	\$ 2,730.00	
Fire Alarm Maintenance, Appropriation		\$ 1,487.50
Salary of Superintendent	\$ 262.50	
Pay Rolls	652.05	
Power	49.69	
Supplies, Material and Equipment	473.95	
All Others	28.00	
Total Payments	\$ 1,466.19	
Balance to Revenue	21.31	
	\$ 1,487.50	

Fire Alarm Extension. Appropriation		\$	300.00
Pay Rolls	\$	155.00	
Material and Supplies		145.00	
Total Payments	\$	300.00	
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Moth and Tree Department Appropriation....		\$	10,464.00
Salary Tree Warden	\$	420.00	
Salary Moth Supt.		2,310.00	
Pay Roll		5,220.35	
Telephone		67.09	
Barn Rent		144.00	
Truck and Sprayer Expenses		747.03	
Printing and Postage		298.00	
Trees		79.50	
Arsenate of Lead		1,170.85	
Clerical		51.50	
Other Supplies, etc.		149.87	
Total Payments	\$	10,389.99	
Balance to Revenue		74.01	
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		\$	10,464.00
Hydrant Rentals, Appropriation		\$	500.00
Water Department	\$	500.00	
Drinking Fountains, Appropriation		\$	100.00
Water Department	\$	100.00	
Inspector of Buildings, Salary, Appropriation..		\$	551.25
Salary, Inspector	\$	551.25	
Inspector of Wires, Salary, Appropriation		\$	210.00
Salary, Inspector	\$	210.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary, Appro.		\$	551.25
Salary, Sealer	\$	551.25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses,			
Appropriation		\$	250.00
Transportation Weights and Measures	\$	180.25	
Balance to Revenue		69.75	
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		\$	250.00
Board of Health, Salaries, Appropriation.....		\$	315.00
Salaries, Secretary	\$	155.00	
Salaries, Other Members		160.00	
Total Payments	\$	315.00	

Board of Health Expenses, Appropriation.....		\$ 275.00
Agent's Expenses	\$ 25.00	
Disposition of Animals	46.50	
Inspector of Milk and Foods Expenses ...	61.00	
Printing and Supplies	55.37	
Telephone	50.54	
All Other	12.00	
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	\$ 250.41	
Balance to Revenue	24.59	
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	\$ 275.00	
Inspector of Plumbing, Salary, Appropriation..		\$ 525.00
Salary, Inspector	\$ 240.00	
Balance to Revenue	285.00	
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	\$ 525.00	
Care of Contagious Diseases, Appropriation ..		\$ 5,000.00
Mass. Memorial Hospital	\$ 74.26	
Middlesex County Sanatorium	2,119.50	
Lakeville State Sanatorium	912.50	
North Reading Sanatorium	341.00	
Rabies Innoculation	110.23	
Medical Care	409.00	
Ambulance Fee	5.00	
Milk Analysis	99.00	
All Other	71.83	
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	\$ 4,142.32	
Balance to Revenue	857.68	
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	\$ 5,000.00	
Garbage Collection, Appropriation		\$ 3,400.00
Contract Payments	\$ 3,400.00	
Dog Officer's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 330.75
Salary, Dog Officer	\$ 330.75	
Inspector of Milk and Food, Salary, Appro...		\$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector	\$ 220.50	
Dental Clinic, Appropriation		\$ 650.00
Expenses	\$ 650.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary, Appropriation ..		\$ 220.50
Salary, Inspector	\$ 220.50	
Game Warden's Salary, Appropriation		\$ 105.00
Salary, Game Warden	\$ 105.00	

Child Welfare Work, Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Expenses	\$ 400.00	
Street Lighting, Appropriation		\$ 15,000.00
Municipal Light Dept.	\$ 15,000.00	

General Aid, Administrative

Appropriation		\$ 4,900.00
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Payments:

Salaries

Supervisory and Clerical	\$ 1,891.59
Visiting and Investigation	1,313.80
Employment Research	728.00
Visitors and Supervisory Expense and Travel	336.72
Office Supplies and Equipment	153.76
Telephone	84.88
Printing and Postage	13.87
Building and Maintenance	352.66
Other	20.70

Total Payments	\$ 4,895.98
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Balance to Revenue	4.02
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\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00
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General Aid

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00
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Cash Refunds	7.00
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Payments:

Cash Aid	\$ 5,056.00
Food	80.16
Shelter	113.06
Clothing	40.82
Fuel and Light	16.00
Board	2,554.78
Massachusetts Hospital School	300.83
State Infirmary, Tewksbury	709.50
Burials	100.00
Other Cities and Towns	2,904.37

Medical:

Doctors	\$ 180.50
Hospital	158.45
Medicine	254.66
Optical	10.00
Nursing	48.75
Ambulance	5.00
	657.36

Unallocated Payments:

Transportation of Recipients	29.90		
Truck Maintenance	47.80		
Gas and Oil	61.03		
Other	10.00	148.73	
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Total Payments	\$ 12,681.61		
Balance to Revenue	7,325.39		
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	\$ 20,007.00	\$ 20,007.00	

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		\$ 13,000.00	
Federal Grants		2,322.89	
Payments:			
Regular Cash Assistance	\$ 11,945.78		
Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors	\$ 168.50		
Dentist	44.00		
Optical	23.00		
Medicine	37.54		
Hospital	319.50		
Other	22.29	614.83	
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Total Payments	\$ 12,560.61		
Balance to Revenue	2,762.28		
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	\$ 15,322.89	\$ 15,322.89	

Aid to Dependent Children, Administrative

Appropriation	\$ 800.00	
Federal Grants	545.45	
Payments:		
Salaries:		
Supervisory and Clerical	\$ 531.51	
Visiting and Investigation	533.25	
Visitors and Supervisory Expense, Travel ..	104.33	
Office Supplies and Equipment	52.59	
Telephone	29.02	
Printing and Postage	10.61	
Building Maintenance	34.17	

Other	3.50		
Total Payments	\$ 1,298.98		
Balance to Revenue	46.47		
	\$ 1,345.45	\$ 1,345.45	

Old Age Assistance, Administrative

Appropriation		\$ 6,400.00	
Federal Grants		1,578.11	
Payments:			
Salaries:			
Supervisory and Clerical	\$ 2,809.75		
Visiting and Investigation	3,437.99		
Employment Research and Truck Operator	780.00		
Office Supplies and Equipment	58.39		
Travel Expense	143.57		
Stationery and Printing	122.46		
Social Service Index	14.00		
Postage	60.00		
Telephone	107.72		
Office Building Maintenance	360.49		
Other	33.92		
Total Payments	\$ 7,928.29		
Balance to Revenue	49.82		
	\$ 7,978.11	\$ 7,978.11	

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		\$ 72,500.00	
Federal Grants		46,933.83	
Recoveries		953.36	
Refunds		222.00	
Payments:			
Regular Cash Assistance	\$112,608.70		
Special Cash Allowances:			
Medical:			
Doctors	\$ 1,511.75		
Hospitals	832.27		
Police Ambulance	26.00		
Medicine	1,084.25		

Nursing	960.25	
Optical	209.50	
Dental	206.00	
Chiropodist	39.50	4,869.52
Clothing		1.50
Rent		19.18
Payments to Other Cities and Towns		1,192.91
Payments on account of deceased persons:		
Burial Expense	\$ 755.00	
Doctors	401.00	
Nursing	48.25	
Medicine	62.50	
Board and Care	147.35	
Hospitals	413.95	
Police Ambulance	40.00	1,868.05
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Total Payments		\$120,559.86
Balance to Revenue		49.33
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		\$120,609.19
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		\$120,609.19

Veterans' Benefits

Veterans' Benefits Appropriation		\$ 13,000.00
Refunds		122.00
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		\$ 13,122.00
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Cash Payments	\$ 6,824.50	
Food	62.00	
Fuel	214.81	
Clothing	23.05	
Board - Rent	493.85	
Hospital, medical, etc.	1,338.19	
Office supplies	50.40	
Telephone	55.24	
Agent's salary and expenses	793.90	
Clerical	819.00	
Miscellaneous	590.24	
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		\$ 11,265.18
Transferred to Unpaid Bills Account.....	50.00	
Balance to Revenue	1,806.82	
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		\$ 13,122.00

Education

School Dept. General Salaries, Appropriation..	\$252,388.47
Refund	10.25

\$252,398.72

Supt., Principals, Teachers	\$206,028.94
Substitutes	1,484.75
Attendance Officer	500.00
School Nurse	2,235.20
Medical Inspection	1,033.28
Janitors	24,359.73
Clerical	12,546.85

Total Payments	\$248,188.75
Balance to Revenue	4,209.97

\$252,398.72

School Dept. General Maintenance, Appro.	\$ 46,777.00
Refund	4.20

\$ 46,781.20

Textbooks, Library, Supply Books	\$ 3,418.47
Supplies	6,920.68
General Control Expense	2,775.31
Supervision Expense	371.42
Principal's Office Expense	381.29
Commencement	332.37
Other Expenses of Instruction	931.98
Compulsory Attendance	211.38
Medical Service	30.71
Nurse Service	282.28
Fuel	9,054.74
Other Expenses of Oper. Plant	8,516.27
Maintenance	9,484.18
Capital Outlay	3,924.45
Auxiliary Agency, Tuition	54.29

Total Payments	\$ 46,689.82
Balance to Revenue	91.38

\$ 46,781.20

School Transportation, Appropriation	\$ 6,200.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	800.00	
Refund	220.00	
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	\$ 7,220.00	
Expended	\$ 7,051.50	
Balance to Revenue	168.50	
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	\$ 7,220.00	
School Cafeterias, Appropriation	\$ 30,000.00	
Milk Fund	6,066.06	
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	\$ 36,066.06	
Pay Roll	\$ 5,478.78	
Supplies	21,649.08	
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Total Payments	\$ 27,127.86	
Transfer to Estimated Receipts	8,712.83	
Balance to 1946	225.37	
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	\$ 36,066.06	
Industrial Tuition, Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	50.00	
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	\$ 1,550.00	
City of Malden	\$ 216.90	
City of Somerville	296.15	
City of Medford	103.82	
Essex County Agr. School	612.00	
Norfolk County Agr. School	104.00	
City of Boston	211.01	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,543.88	
Balance to Revenue	6.12	
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	\$ 1,550.00	
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School Dept. New High School Plans		
Balance from 1944		\$ 3,308.88
Architect's Fees	\$ 2,750.00	
Surveying	218.50	

Engineering	190.00	
Expenses	37.40	
Total Payments	\$ 3,195.90	
Balance to 1946	112.98	
	\$ 3,308.88	
School Dept. Retirement for Teachers in Service, Appropriation		\$ 750.00
Mass. Teachers Retirement Board	\$ 750.00	
School Dept. Unpaid bill 1944 Appro.		\$ 1,089.30
Payments	\$ 1,089.30	
School Dept. Elementary School Plans		
Balance from 1944		\$ 2,500.00
Appropriation 1945		2,000.00
		\$ 4,500.00
Payments.	\$ 423.62	
Balance to 1946	4,076.38	
	\$ 4,500.00	
School Land Purchase Oak St. Appro.		\$ 14,000.00
Land Purchase	\$ 6,800.00	
Engineering and Registry	107.00	
Total Payments	\$ 6,907.00	
Balance to 1946	7,093.00	
	\$ 14,000.00	
Land Purchase, J. H. S. Athletic Field, Appro.		\$ 725.00
Payments	\$ 725.00	
Public Library Salaries, Appropriation		\$6,500.00
Librarian	\$ 1,874.16	
Asst. Librarian	1,405.68	
Asst. Librarian	1,405.68	
Assistants	907.92	
Janitor	902.88	
Total Payments	\$ 6,496.32	
Balance to Revenue	3.68	
	\$ 6,500.00	

Public Library Maintenance, Appropriation ...		\$ 3,300.00
Telephone	\$ 52.24	
Fuel, light, water and sewer	488.46	
Printing and supplies	264.38	
Books and periodicals	2,109.79	
Binding	149.64	
Maintenance and repairs to building.....	202.62	
All other	26.18	
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Total Payments	\$ 3,293.31	
Balance to Revenue	6.69	
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	\$ 3,300.00	
Memorial Day Observance Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Band	\$ 165.00	
Flags	88.50	
Flowers	671.00	
Printing	17.50	
Trucking	3.00	
Amplifier Service	35.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 980.00	
Balance to Revenue	20.00	
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	\$ 1,000.00	
Cemeteries, Appropriation		\$ 11,500.00
Transfer from Cemetery Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Transfer from Cemetery Bequest Fund		2,710.22
Transfer from Care of Soldiers' Graves		124.00
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		\$ 15,334.22
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 3,172.00	
Clerical	988.00	
Pay Rolls	8,214.80	
Materials and Supplies	2,908.61	
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Total Payments	\$ 15,283.41	
Balance to Revenue	50.81	
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	\$ 15,334.22	
Care Soldiers' Graves, Appro.		\$ 600.00
Payroll	\$ 476.00	
Material	124.00	
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	\$ 600.00	

Department of Public Works:

Administrative Office Appropriation		\$ 6,200.00
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 3,453.40	
Clerical	1,831.40	
Telephones	249.09	
Office Supplies	255.24	
Engineering Supplies	373.28	
Miscellaneous	36.90	
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Total Payments	\$ 6,199.31	
Balance to Revenue69	
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		\$ 6,200.00

Highway Department:

Appropriation		\$ 42,000.00
Transfer		14.65
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		\$ 42,014.65
Pay Roll	\$ 21,219.72	
Road Material	7,385.51	
Supplies and Tools	3,093.81	
Road Machinery Account	7,707.15	
All Other	1,680.81	
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Total Payments	\$ 41,087.00	
Transfer to Chap. 90 Maintenance	900.00	
Balance to Revenue	27.65	
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		\$ 42,014.65

Maintenance of Storm Drains:

Appropriation		\$ 4,200.00
Pay Roll	\$ 3,230.69	
Supplies and Miscellaneous	882.53	
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Total Payments	\$ 4,113.22	
Balance to Revenue	86.78	
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		\$ 4,200.00

Storm Drain Development:

Appropriation		\$ 7,500.00
Pay Roll	\$ 3,077.94	

Pipe and Supplies	3,684.35	
Road Machinery Acct.	614.52	
Total Payments	\$ 7,376.81	
Balance to Revenue	123.19	
	\$ 7,500.00	
Sidewalk Maintenance and Construction:		
Appropriation		\$ 4,300.00
Pay Roll	\$ 3,204.37	
Material, etc.	1,095.09	
Total Payments	\$ 4,299.46	
Balance to Revenue .....	.54	
	\$ 4,300.00	
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Appropriation		\$ 24,900.00
Transfers		2,497.89
		\$ 27,397.89
Pay Roll	\$ 17,016.75	
Plowing and Hauling	2,953.76	
Repairs and Supplies	4,051.93	
Road Machinery Acct.	1,744.63	
All Other	1,607.19	
Total Payments	\$ 27,374.26	
Balance to Revenue	23.63	
	\$ 27,397.89	
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Transferred from Highway		\$ 900.00
Aid from State		900.00
Aid from County		900.00
		\$ 2,700.00
Pay Roll	\$ 384.85	
Road Material	1,797.51	
Road Machinery Acct.	517.64	
Total Payments	\$ 2,700.00	

Road Machinery Fund:

Appropriations		\$ 16,000.00
Receipts: Refunds from Gas Tax		168.30
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		\$ 16,168.30
Repairs to equipment, gasoline and oil.....	\$ 15,905.79	
Balance to 1946	262.51	
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	\$ 16,168.30	

John Street Dump:

Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Pay Roll	\$ 1,782.84	
Supplies	10.64	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,793.48	
Balance to Revenue	6.52	
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	\$ 1,800.00	

Victory Gardens:

Appropriation		\$ 700.00
Pay Roll	\$ 445.34	
Road Machinery Acct.	254.66	
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Total Payments	\$ 700.00	

Post War Planning:

1945 Balance Forward		\$ 2,525.26
Engineering	\$ 260.50	
Bal. to 1946	2,264.76	
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	\$ 2,525.26	

Park Department:

Appropriation		\$ 6,000.00
Memorial Park	\$ 1,565.11	
Leach Park	116.20	
Skating Rink	249.83	
Commons	401.51	
Washington St.	1,133.80	
Birch Meadow	1,220.00	
Miscellaneous	659.71	
Road Machinery Account	653.37	
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Total Payments	\$ 5,999.53	
Balance to Revenue47	
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	\$ 6,000.00	

Sewer Dept. Maint. and Const. and Int.:

Appropriation		\$ 12,000.00
Pay Roll	\$ 5,529.88	
Int. on Bonds	850.00	
Insurance	613.47	
Tools and Supplies	2,529.05	
Road Machinery Account	1,330.32	
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Total Payments	\$ 10,852.72	
Balance to Revenue	1,147.28	
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	\$ 12,000.00	

Sewer Dept. House Connection:

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Pay Roll	\$ 1,491.04	
Pipe and Misc.	508.57	
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Total Payments	\$ 1,999.61	
Balance to Revenue39	
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	\$ 2,000.00	

Water Department, Maintenance, Construction,
Bonds and Interest:

Appropriation		\$ 50,000.00
Transfers		99.08
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		\$ 50,099.08
Pay Roll	\$ 17,533.58	
Bonds	9,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	235.00	
Insurance	700.25	
Telephones	173.04	
Light and Power	5,425.27	
Supplies, Tools and Fitt.	9,921.26	
Fuel	526.09	
Repairs	847.89	
Road Machinery Account	1,733.57	
All Other	1,172.10	
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Total Payments	\$ 47,268.05	
Bal. to Water Reserve	2,831.03	
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	\$ 50,099.08	

Municipal Light Department

Balance from 1944	\$117,868.43
Receipts :	
Sales, Light and Power	414,620.40
Merchandise and Jobbing	31,382.27
Street Light Appropriation	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,359.88
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	\$580,230.98

Payments :**Pay Roll:**

Construction	\$ 5,149.74
Operation	105,758.04
Bonds	18,000.00
Interest	1,535.00

Bills :

Construction	2,833.38
Operation	85,395.63
Energy Purchased	161,237.14
Paid to Town	50,000.00

Total Payments	\$429,908.93
Balance to 1946	150,322.05
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	\$580,230.98

Municipal Light Dept. Underground Installation

Balance from 1944	\$ 1,431.59
Balance to 1946	\$ 1,431.59

Municipal Light Dept. Special Account

Balance from 1944	\$ 4,000.00
Bonds	\$ 2,000.00
Balance to 1946	2,000.00
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	\$ 4,000.00

Interest, not incl. Water. Light and Sewer

Appropriation	\$ 2,656.25
Elementary School	\$ 1,295.00
Quannapowitt Drainage	275.00

Municipal Relief	198.75
Municipal Garage	112.50
Fire Equipment	25.00

Total Payments	\$ 1,906.25
Balance to Revenue	750.00

\$ 2,656.25

Funded Debt, not incl. Water and Light

Appropriation		\$ 32,000.00
Sewer	\$ 6,000.00	
School, Elementary	6,000.00	
Quannapowitt Drainage	5,000.00	
Municipal Relief	11,000.00	
Municipal Garage	2,000.00	
Fire Equipment	2,000.00	

Total Payments	\$ 32,000.00
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Reserve Fund

Appropriation		\$ 8,000.00
Transfer to Coal Fund	2,000.00	
Garbage Removal	400.00	
Police Pension	854.72	
Misc. Expense	200.00	
Police Station Maintenance	125.00	
Collector's Expenses	200.00	
Dog Pound	100.00	
Police Dept. Maintenance	200.00	
Fire Dept. Salaries	75.00	
Collector's Clerical	100.00	
Town Clerk's Expense	200.00	
School Transportation	800.00	
Town Counsel's Expenses	150.00	
Snow and Ice Account	2,400.00	
School Tuition	50.00	

	\$ 7,854.72
Balance to Revenue	145.28

\$ 8,000.00

Insurance Account

Appropriation		\$ 11,952.77
Receipts:		
Light Dept.		1,392.69
Water Dept.		700.23
Sewer Dept.		613.47
Refund		22.97
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		\$ 14,682.13
Fire Schedule	\$ 4,370.78	
Workmen's Compensation	3,966.54	
Public Liability	298.61	
Auto Public Liability and Property Damage	3,152.36	
Auto Fire and Theft	459.56	
Burglary and Robbery	113.95	
Surety Bonds	696.75	
Forgery Bonds	95.63	
Security Bonds	572.50	
Personal Property	18.76	
Printing Forms	48.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 13,793.44	
Balance to Revenue	888.69	
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		\$ 14,682.13

Rent American Legion Quarters

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
Reading Veterans Assoc.	\$ 1,000.00	

Rent Veterans Foreign Wars Quarters

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Post No. 65 V. F. W.	\$ 500.00	

Contributory Retirement Fund

Appropriation		\$ 21,012.00
Transfer to Retirement System	\$ 21,012.00	

Servicemen's Retirement, Chap. 14, Acts 1943

Appropriation		\$ 417.50
Trans. to Retirement System	\$ 417.50	
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Dog Pound

Balance from 1944		\$	228.17	
Transfer from Reserve Fund			100.00	
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		\$	328.17	
Labor	\$	155.75		
Material		135.69		
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Total Payments	\$	291.44		
Balance to 1946		36.73		
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	\$	328.17	\$	328.17

Land Court Expenses

Appropriation		\$	250.00	
Refunds			17.50	
Land Court	\$	162.75		
Balance to Revenue		104.75		
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	\$	267.50	\$	267.50

Land Court Special

Balance from 1944		\$	250.00	
Surveying	\$	35.00		
Land Court Fees		61.25		
Balance to Revenue		153.75		
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	\$	250.00	\$	250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		\$	1,700.00	
Pay Roll	\$	1,560.00		
Balance to Revenue		140.00		
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	\$	1,700.00	\$	1,700.00

Publication Street List

Appropriation		\$	600.00	
Pay Roll	\$	106.25		
Expressing85		
Planographing		471.68		
Balance to Revenue		21.22		
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	\$	600.00	\$	600.00

Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Balance from 1944		\$	314.09
Appropriations			350.00
Advisory Services	\$	291.67	
Balance to 1946		372.42	
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	\$	664.09	\$ 664.09

Excess and Deficiency Account

Balance from 1944		\$142,175.98
Receipts Redemption of Property		4,014.49
Sale of Land		801.00
Additional Poll Tax Commitment		104.00
Additional Real Estate Commitment		9.90
Additional Personal Estate Commitment		4.93
Adjustments		2,000.00
Abatements		449.06
Transfer of Receipts in Excess of Estimate....		44,771.88
Transfer of Unexpended Balances, Appro. Accts.		25,470.78
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		\$219,802.02
Adjustments	\$	2,064.92
Transfer from Tax Titles		918.58
Transfer to Post War Rehabilitation Fund		50,000.00
Balance to 1946		166,818.52
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		\$219,802.02

Outstanding Debt Balancing Account

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1945		\$258,500.00
Loans paid in 1945:		
Fire Equipment	\$	2,000.00
Light Department		18,000.00
Water Department		6,000.00
Sewer Department		6,000.00
Municipal Relief		11,000.00
Municipal Garage		2,000.00
Drainage 1941		5,000.00
Storm Emergency		2,000.00
Elementary School		6,000.00
Water Filtration Plant		3,000.00
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	\$	61,000.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945		197,500.00
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		\$258,500.00

TOWN DEBT DETAIL OF MATURITIES

Year	Municipal Light	Elementary School	Quannapowitt Drainage	Sewer	Municipal Relief '39	Storm Emergency	Water	Municipal Garage	Fire Equipment	Totals
1946	\$ 16,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 44,500
1947	14,000	6,000	4,000	6,000	2,000	2,000		2,000		36,000
1948	8,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000				24,000
1949	5,000	5,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000				20,000
1950	4,000	5,000	4,000							13,000
1951	4,000	5,000	4,000							13,000
1952	2,000	5,000								7,000
1953	2,000	5,000								7,000
1954	2,000	5,000								7,000
1955	2,000	5,000								7,000
1956	1,000	5,000								6,000
1957	1,000	5,000								6,000
1958	1,000	5,000								6,000
1959	1,000									1,000
	\$ 63,000	\$ 68,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 197,500

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

Balance Jan. 1, 1945	\$279,733.00	
Anne S. Grouard Hosp. Fund Bequest	73,785.71	
Anne S. Grouard Hosp. Fund Income	2,191.26	
Gilman L. Parker Hosp. Fund Income	4,050.72	
Gilman L. Parker Hosp. Fund Profit on sale of securities	4,493.56	
Cemetery Bequest Fund—Bequests	8,253.93	
Cemetery Bequest Fund—Income	2,924.26	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund—Investment ...	125,000.00	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund—Income	495.87	
Reading High School Scholarship Fund Income	93.41	
Public Library Fund Income	21.97	
Public Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin) Income ..	36.80	
Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund:		
Hospital Care		\$ 1,096.49
Administrative		110.00
Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund Adm.		29.56
Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund Loss on sale ..		314.40
Cemetery Bequest Fund Loss on sale		162.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund—Care endowed lots and graves		2,710.22
Reading High School Scholarship Fund—Scholarships		75.00
Public Library Fund—Books		70.75
Balance Dec. 31, 1945		496,512.07
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	\$501,080.49	\$501,080.49

Hospital Fund (Gilman L. Parker)

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$173,572.08
Receipts Income		4,050.72
Profit on sale of securities		4,493.56
Payments for Hospital Care and Adm.	\$ 1,206.49	
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	180,909.87	
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	\$182,116.36	\$182,116.36

Hospital Fund (Anne S. Grouard)

Bequest, Securities Value, March 14, 1945	\$ 73,069.40
Bequest, cash	716.31
Income 1945	2,191.26

Administrative Expense	29.56	
Loss on Sale Securities	314.40	
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	75,633.01	
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	\$ 75,976.97	\$ 75,976.97

Cemetery Bequest Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$ 98,096.15
Receipts Income		2,924.26
Receipts Bequests		8,253.93
Payments for care of Lots and Graves	2,710.22	
Loss on sale of securities	162.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	106,402.12	
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	\$109,274.34	\$109,274.34

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$ 5,139.69
Receipts Income		93.41
Payments Scholarships	75.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	5,158.10	
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	\$ 5,233.10	\$ 5,233.10

Library Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$ 1,093.57
Receipts Income		21.97
Books	70.75	
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	1,044.79	
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	\$ 1,115.54	\$ 1,115.54

Library Fund (H. G. Wadlin)

Balance Jan. 1, 1945		\$ 1,831.51
Receipts Income		36.80
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$ 1,868.31	
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	\$ 1,868.31	\$ 1,868.31

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Certificates of Indebtedness 7/8's		\$125,000.00
Income		495.87
Balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$125,495.87	
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	\$125,495.87	\$125,495.87

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS

Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

\$ 7,000 U. S. Savings Bonds Series D 1949	\$ 5,250.00
4,050 100 shares First Nat'l Bank, Boston, Cert. #155,572	4,050.00
5,000 Penn. Railroad Co. Gen. Mort. 4½ 1965	5,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1954	3,000.00
27,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1955	27,000.00
49,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1956	49,000.00
22,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds, Series G 2½'s, 1957	22,000.00
Home Bleaching & Dye Works, Pfd., 2 shares	11.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Pfd., 55 Shares	1.00
Sharp Mfg. Co., Com. 20 Shares	1.00
Andover Savings Bank, No. 39860	5,682.72
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 162338	5,939.39
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230778	5,850.06
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading, No. 9189	2,820.41
First Nat'l Bank, Reading, Savings Dept., No. 6435	3,061.18
Chelsea Savings Bank, No. 154784	6,331.96
Danvers Savings Bank, No. 2189	1,288.01
Dedham Institute for Savings, No. 72053	3,567.42
Franklin Savings Bank, Boston, No. 187890	2,386.21
Lynn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 244496	2,358.64
Malden Savings Bank, No. 141347	6,657.90
Melrose Savings Bank, No. 52937	2,409.75
Providence Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 615034	3,506.54
Wakefield Savings Bank, No. 45111	4,760.34
Warren Institute for Savings, Boston, No. 135648	1,927.52
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 63401	5,462.99
Cash in General Fund	1,585.83
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	\$180,909.87

Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

33,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds 3's, 1955	\$ 36,650.00
38,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s	38,000.00
Cash in General Fund	983.01
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	\$ 75,633.01

Cemetery Bequest Fund

17,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1954	\$ 17,000.00
10,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1955	10,000.00
13,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1956	13,000.00
9,000 U. S. Treas. Bonds Series G 2½'s 1957	9,000.00

5,000 New Eng. Tel. & Tel. 1st Mort. 5's Series A. 1952 ...	5,000.00
Blackstone Savings Bank, Boston, No. 10672	1,032.20
Home Savings Bank, Boston, No. 368204	2,540.54
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 948228	7,674.85
Andover Savings Bank, No. 40177	5,282.56
Cambridge Savings Bank, No. 89112	5,490.63
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230779	5,382.94
Mechanics Savings Bank, Reading No. 5103	3,873.83
Malden Savings Bank, No. 137262	6,833.31
Woburn Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 61052	6,528.12
Mechanics Savings Bank No. 10714	6,798.75
Cash in General Fund	964.39
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	\$106,402.12

Library Fund

Investment:

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 987334	\$ 1,044.79
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Library Fund (Horace G. Wadlin)

Investment:

Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 1079095	\$ 1,868.31
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Reading High School Scholarship Fund

Investments:

Andover Savings Bank, No. 39861	\$ 1,000.00
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, No. 161863	3,000.00
Essex Savings Bank, Lawrence, No. 230306	1,000.00
First Nat'l Bank, Reading Savings Dept., No. 5624	158.10
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	\$ 5,158.10

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

125,000 U. S. Treas. Certificates of Ind. 7/8's	\$125,000.00
Cash in General Fund	495.87
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	\$125,495.87

I, hereby certify that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the account of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, have examined the securities and verified bank balances and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement, December 31, 1945.

LEON G. BENT,
Town Accountant

TOWN OF READING

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1945

ASSETS

Cash in Banks	
Cash in Offices	
Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Deposit Fund	
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes Special Warrants Chap. 277, Acts 1944	
Taxes: Levy of 1944 Poll	\$
Personal	14.00
Real Estate ..	118.58
Levy of 1945 Poll	7,670.67
Personal	64.00
Real Estate ...	1,264.84
Motor Vehicle Excise 1944	44,239.66
1945	30.53
Special Assessments:	254.57
Moth and Tree Work 1944	17.00
Moth and Tree Work 1945	92.65
Sewer Assts. Unapportioned	641.76
Sewer Assts. Added to taxes 1945....	79.59
Sewer Assts. Int. added to taxes 1945	15.81
Sewer Assts. H. C. Unapportioned ..	698.54
Sewer Assts. H.C. Added to taxes 1944	10.80
Sewer Assts. H.C. Added to taxes 1945	23.44

LIABILITIES

Municipal Light Dept. Consumers' Deposits		\$ 15,264.00
Taxes Special Warrants		376.66
Overlay 1944	\$ 7,803.25	
Overlay 1945	12,042.15	
Overlay Reserve		19,845.40
Premium and Interest Account		27,206.43
Parker Hospital Fund Transfer Account	1,585.83	
Grouard Hospital Fund Transfer Account	983.01	
Cemetery Bequest Fund Transfer Acct.	964.39	
Post War Rehabilitation Transfer Acct..	495.87	
Salvage Fund Transfer Account	2,644.67	
Salvage Fund Savings Bank Dep.	5,486.32	
Cemetery Reserve Fund		8,130.99
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		8,339.02
Special Funds:		23,939.35
Edw. W. & Philip H. Raymond Fund	16.78	
Morrison Fund	9.23	
Baseball Fund	72.00	
Dog Licenses Fees due County.....	18.00	
Sporting Licenses Fees due State	23.25	
Tailings Account	493.12	
State Parks and Reservations	138.26	

LIABILITIES

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Sewer Assts. H.C. Int. Added to taxes 1944.	2.00	Withholding Taxes due State	5,471.80
Sewer Assts. H.C. Int. Added to taxes 1945	5.17	Blue Cross	1,968.35
Sidewalk Assts. Unapportioned	628.85	Special Fund Insurance	1,280.00
Sidewalk Assts. added to taxes 1944..	5.61	Special Fund Registering	2.00
Sidewalk Assts. added to taxes 1945..	65.36	Municipal Light Dept. Maint. Acct.	150,322.05
Sidewalk Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944	.45	Municipal Light Dept. Underground Ext.	1,431.59
Sidewalk Assts. Int. added to taxes 1945	13.34	Municipal Light Dept. Special Acct.	2,000.00
Highway Assts. added to taxes 1944..	102.62	Revenue Reserved until Collected:	153,753.64
Highway Assts. added to taxes...1945	278.15	Motor Vehicle Excise	285.10
Highway Assts. Int. added to taxes 1944	27.79	Moth and Tree Assessments	109.65
Highway Assts. Int. added to taxes 1945	53.61	Sewer Assts. and Interest	737.16
Sewer Rentals	5,098.00	Sewer H. C. Assts. & Interest	739.95
Water Rates	71.32		
Water Rates added to taxes		Sidewalk Assts. and Interest	713.61
		Highway Assts. and Interest	462.17
Municipal Light Dept. Accts. Receivable		Sewer Rentals	1,232.66
Departmental Accts. Receivable		Water Rates	5,169.32
Tax Titles	2,095.29	Municipal Light Accts. Rec.	49,473.47
Tax Title Possessions	4,628.08	Departmental Accts. Rec.	18,227.84
County Tax Deficit	67.37	Tax Titles	6,723.37
Metropolitan Sewer Asst. Deficit	277.39	Tax Title Possessions	344.76
Loans Authorized		Water Dept. Available Surplus	7,000.00
		Real Estate Account	\$598,284.86
			83,874.30
			48,697.54
			4,360.25

Road Machinery Account	16,074.28
Road Machinery Fund	262.51
Loan Authorized Unissued	16,336.79
Surplus Revenue (Excess and Deficiency)	7,000.00
	166,818.52
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	\$598,284.86

DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments	1,495.09
Apportioned Sewer H. C.	827.80
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments	3,366.33
Apportioned Highway Assessments	6,328.02
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	\$ 12,017.24
Apportioned Sewer Assts. Rev. of 1946-1954	1,495.09
Apportioned Sewer H.C. Assts. Rev. of 1945-1954	827.80
Apportioned Sidewalk Assts. Rev. of 1946-1954	3,366.33
Apportioned Highway Assts. Rev. of 1946-1953	6,328.02
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	\$ 12,017.24

DEBT ACCOUNT

Loans Outstanding	\$197,500.00
Municipal Relief Loan 1939	8,000.00
Elementary School Loan	68,000.00
Storm Emergency Loan	8,000.00
Fire Equipment Loan	1,500.00
Drainage System Loan ...	25,000.00
Municipal Light Loan	63,000.00
Sewer Loan	16,000.00
Water Loan	4,000.00
Water Filtration Loan	4,000.00
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	\$197,500.00
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	\$197,500.00

BALANCE SHEET (Continued-

TRUST FUNDS, CASH AND SECURITIES

Trust Funds Cash and Securities	\$496,512.07	Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund	\$180,909.87
		Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund	75,633.01
		Cemetery Bequest Fund	106,402.12
		R. H. S. Scholarship Fund	5,158.10
		Public Library Fund	1,044.79
		Public Library H. G. Wadlin Fund	1,868.31
		Post War Rehabilitation	125,495.87
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	\$496,512.07		<hr/>
			\$496,512.07

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Contributory Retirement Fund Cash	\$ 3,214.29	Annuity Savings Group I	\$ 43,641.89
Savings Bank Deposits	55,000.00	Annuity Savings Group II	6,486.32
Co-operative Bank Shares	14,370.00	Annuity Reserve Group I	3,085.57
Bank Stock	10,489.00	Annuity Reserve Group II	457.50
United States Bonds	16,000.00	Pension Accumulation Fund Group I	34,030.94
Other Securities	51,745.47	Pension Accumulation Fund Group II	5,566.18
Accrued Interest on Investments	660.59	Expense Account	151.83
	<hr/>	Undistributed Income	7,121.93
	\$ 101,979.35	Special Military Account	1,437.19
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			\$ 101,979.35
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			\$ 1,406,293.52

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Mr. J. Warren Killam, Jr., who served as Chairman of the Retirement Board since the inception of the system, resigned in May, and Mr. Philip R. White was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The total membership of the Contributory Retirement System December 31, 1944 was 135. During the year 1945, 35 members were admitted to the system, 13 withdrew, 2 retired, 1 member deceased and 2 former members who have not withdrawn their deposits making a total membership of 152 active members.

The following is the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1945.

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND 1945

Cash

Balance January 1, 1945 \$ 1,138.20

Receipts

Receipts 1945:

Securities Sold	\$ 40,537.36
Income on Investments	2,335.95
Contributions by members	11,438.86
Accrued Interest	823.54

Appropriation by Town:

Pension Accumulation Fund ..	20,312.00
Expense Fund	700.00
Special Fund, Chap. 419, Acts 1943	417.50

\$ 76,565.21

\$ 77,703.41

Expenditures

Payments 1945:

Investments	\$ 54,289.25
Accrued Interest	258.26
Pensions	17,044.46
Annuities	430.75
Refunds to Members	1,865.67
Adm. Expenses	600.73

\$ 74,489.12

Cash

Balance Dec. 31, 1945	\$ 3,214.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 77,703.41

Assets

Cash First Nat'l Bank	\$ 3,214.29	
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Deposits on Interest:

Mechanics Sav. Bank, Bk. 19442	\$ 2,500.00
Melrose Savings Bank, Bk. 57239	1,000.00
Natick 5c Sav. Bank, Bk. 60456	1,000.00
Pilgrim Trust Co., Boston, Bk. 6254	1,000.00

\$ 5,500.00

Cooperative Bank Shares:

Citizens Cooperative Bank, Haverhill, Bk. 10941	\$ 2,537.20
Concord Cooperative Bank, Bk. 5491	2,305.60
Lexington Cooperative Bank, Bk. 5446	2,323.20
Reading Cooperative Bank, Bk. 9407	2,419.20
Roger Conant Cooperative Bank, Salem, Bk. 12851	2,339.20
Wakefield Cooperative Bank, Bk. 8158	2,445.60

\$ 14,370.00

Investments:

\$3,000 American Tobacco Co. 3's, 1969	\$ 3,187.50
6,000 Brooklyn Union Gas. Co. 3½'s, 1969	6,308.03
2,000 Detroit Edison Co. 3's, 1970	2,115.79
5,000 Great Northern Railway Co. 3½'s 1990	4,987.50
1,000 Great Northern Railway Co. 5's, 1973	1,057.49
2,000 Luzerne County Gas & Electric 3¼'s, 1966	2,146.67
3,000 Monongahela Power Co. 3's, 1975 ..	3,157.40
2,000 Northern Indiana Public Service Co. 3½'s, 1973	2,061.80
5,000 Pennsylvania Railroad, 3½'s, 1985 ..	5,237.70
1,000 Public Service Co. of N. H. 3¼'s, 1973	1,086.86
6,000 Reading Co. 3½'s, 1995	6,003.75
5,000 Schuylkill & Lehigh R. R. Co. 4's, 1948	5,000.00
1,000 So. California Edison Co. 3's, 1965..	1,050.22
2,000 So. Pacific Railroad Co. 3¾'s, 1986..	2,116.18
4,000 So. Pacific Railroad Co. 2⅞'s, 1961 ..	4,005.00

5,000 U. S. Savings Bond, Series G, 1957..	5,000.00	
5,000 U. S. Savings Bond, Series G, 1956 ..	5,000.00	
1,000 U. S. Savings Bond, Series G, 1956 ..	1,000.00	
5,000 U. S. Savings Bond, Series G, 1955 ..	5,000.00	
2,000 Wisconsin Power & Light Co. 3¼'s,		
1971	2,163.58	
77 Shares First National Bank, Boston,		
Cert. No. 214282, 184626, 183404, 207258	4,389.00	
100 Shares Middlesex County National		
Bank, Everett, Cert. No. A59	3,100.00	
50 Shares Newton-Waltham Bank and		
Trust Co. Cert. No. 605	3,000.00	
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	\$ 78,234.47	
		\$ 78,234.47
Accrued Interest on Investments		660.59
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		\$101,979.35

Liabilities

Annuity Savings Fund:		
Group 1	\$ 43,641.89	
Group 2	6,486.32	
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		\$ 50,128.21
Annuity Reserve Fund:		
Group 1	\$ 3,085.57	
Group 2	457.50	
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		\$ 3,543.07
Pension Accumulation Fund:		
Group 1	\$ 34,030.94	
Group 2	5,566.18	
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		\$ 39,597.12
Expense Fund		151.83
Undistributed Income		7,121.93
Special Military Account		1,437.19
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		\$101,979.35

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman
 LEON G. BENT, Secretary
 JOHN J. O'BRIEN
 Contributory Retirement Board

TOWN OF READING

JANUARY 1, 1946

POPULATION 12,327

Years	Valuation		Abatements		Total		Net Valuation
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	
1943 Property	\$17,596,044	\$	189,971	\$	28,000	\$	218,931
Excise	489,510		10,429		1,597		12,026
1944 Property	17,560,325				228,470		240,870
Excise	369,826				7,764		8,334
1945 Property	17,679,334						
Excise	283,629						
TOTALS	\$53,978,668	\$	200,400	\$	265,831	\$	255,163
TOTAL VAL., 1945	\$17,962,963						
3% OF AVERAGE VALUATION							
Funded Debt Dec. 31, 1945							
PROPERTY VAL., 1945	\$16,679,334						
REQ. SEC. 7	\$ 4,169.83		General				
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TAX RATE 1945	\$ 36.00		P. S. Enterprise W				
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TOTAL							
Available Borrowing Capacity, January 1, 1946							
\$527,072							

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